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Allen D. Merritt, Regional Manager  
IDWR, Southern Regional Office  
1341 Fillmore St., Suite 200  
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

**RE: Withdrawal of Protest**  
**Application for Transfer #74254: 72-07414, Thompson Creek Mine**

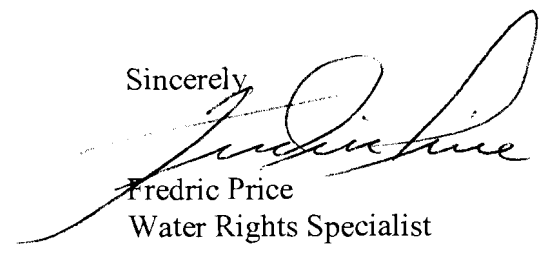
Dear Mr. Merritt:

By this letter I state that I have the authority to act on behalf of the United States, Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (U.S.D.I., BLM), with myself as its agent, to the matters discussed herein. BLM filed the protest because the places of use described in the Application for Transfer contain both private and public lands.

BLM's protest seeks clarification of the place of use element such that it is clear only private land is intended. BLM's protest would be resolved if a condition (or equivalent) were included in the license which read: "Place of use does not include federal public lands." If this condition is accepted, then BLM's objection can be considered withdrawn pursuant to this letter. If not, then please schedule a Preliminary Hearing.

If there are questions regarding any statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 373-3831 or at the address provided above.

Sincerely,

  
Fredric Price  
Water Rights Specialist

cc: Thompson Creek Mining Company; P.O. Box 62; Clayton, ID 83227  
Dylan B. Lawrence; Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett, Rock & Fields, Chtd.; P.O. Box 89; Boise, ID 83701