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RE: Application for Permit No. 01-10566

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, the Department has received protests against your pending applications as referenced above. According to our records, the protestant has provided you with a copy of their protest.

The Department suggests that you contact the protestant directly to determine the nature of the protest and, if possible, to resolve the matter without action by the Department. In our experience, informal discussion between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings often leads to resolution of the protest.

If the protest cannot be resolved informally, the matter will be scheduled for conference and/or hearing. The following are criteria the Department must consider in either approving or denying the application. (Section 42-203A, Idaho Code).

1. Will the proposed use reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the proposed water supply insufficient for the purpose intended?
3. Is the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Has the applicant sufficient financial resources with which to complete the project?
5. Will the proposed use conflict with the local public interest in the public water resource?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?
7. For applications proposing to divert water from one watershed or local area into another, will the proposed use adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or local area where the source of water originates?

Please note that the application is considered a contested case and subject to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Department. Rules 302 & 417 require that any written communication between parties be sent to **all parties in the case**.

If you need a copy of these rules, please contact this office. The Rules of Procedure are also available on the Internet by using the IDWR Homepage at the following electronic address:

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa37/0101.pdf>

You will be notified at a later date of the time and place of the conference and/or hearing. Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

Very truly yours,

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