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Re: Application for Transfer of Water Right No. 73819 and Well Drilling Fee Upgrade

Dear Angela;

I am confused by what you think my intentions are in requesting the water rights for my land. My well is a domestic well. It always has been. I could not irrigate my 5 acres with my well. I know that if I were to irrigate all my land I would need a larger well. I only want the rights that are available to me should I decide to irrigate my land with another well.

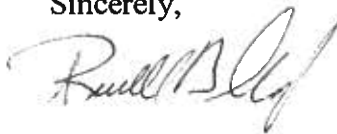
I was told by everyone around me, including farmers, that I should have the water rights to my land. They are a valuable asset that can even be bought and sold. A right to use the water does not necessarily mean that I am using the water.

Your letter states that it is the policy of IDWR to collect the difference between the two well fees *when an increased use of water from the well occurs*. I will not be increasing the use of my water. I understand that if I drill another well I will need to pay the larger fee.

Are you saying that I can not have the right to my water if I don't use it? That seems unfair because I have paid many fees to irrigation districts for the use of their water even when I didn't have a diversion point on my property and could not access their water, simply because they had the rights to it.

My question then is this: Can I have the rights to the water for my land even if I don't have an irrigation well for it yet?

Sincerely,



Russell B. Lloyd