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Jean Brobeck Vance
5370 S Locust Grove RD
Meridian ID 83642

Re: Application for Permit No. 63-33063—Protests

Dear Mrs. Vance:

Enclosed are copies of protests filed against the issuance of a water right permit pursuant to the above-referenced application. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

-**Direct contact** with the protestant(s) to determine what is being disputed in the application and parties attempting to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

-**Formal Proceedings** consist of a pre-hearing conference & hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties If the issues can not be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

-**Mediation** through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestants the best option(s) for resolution of the contested application.

Should you have questions or concerns please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

JOHN WESTRA
Western Regional Manager

Enclosure: Protests.