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Rob Whitney
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

RE: Request for Drilling Permit

Dear Mr. Whitney

I own a dairy near Melba (T1N, R2W Section 17) that currently has two wells that provide stockwater and commercial water to the dairy. One of my irrigation wells has a connection to a water tank, but it does not connect to rest of the dairy system. A water right transfer approved in September 2000 added a new point of diversion (transfer 5810), but that well combined with a well installed in 1999 still cannot provide the authorized diversion rate and annual volume. I have sufficient water rights for the dairy, but not sufficient well production to divert the authorized volume.

To obtain the authorized amount of water, I need a new well. I have asked ERO Resources to assist me in completing the necessary water right work to allow me to add a point of diversion. The appropriate Application for Transfer has already been submitted to IDWR for water right nos. 63-2823C and 63-3049C.

Attached, please find an Application for a Drilling Permit. It is my hope that a drilling permit can be issued to allow me to drill a new well prior to the Transfer approval. If it helps to obtain a drilling permit, I am willing to disconnect the poorest producing well once the new well is connected, until such time that the Transfer is Approved. In the event that the Transfer cannot be approved, I am willing to abandon the poorest producing well. My preference will be to maintain three wells for the dairy water supply.

I included the \$200 filing fee for a new non-domestic well permit.

Regards,

Charles De Groot

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