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TO: State of Idaho, Dept of Water Resources
ATTN: Mr. Shelley Keen

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FROM: Bernard Sarinas
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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

SUBJECT: Re-enter Water Rights #'s 61-12075 and 61-12077 into Water Supply Bank

Dear Mr. Keen,

Per our conversation over the phone on 13 August 2008, I am formally requesting my water rights above, be accepted back into Water Resources Water Supply Bank. I am currently an Idaho State resident on active duty in the United States Air Force, stationed at Eglin AFB, FL. My water rights were previously in the Water Supply Bank in which the lease expired on 31 Dec 2007. During this period, I was deployed for more than 6 months to Balad AB, Iraq (Orders attached) and returned on 6 Jan 2008. Prior to this time, my wife had already stopped forwarding personal mail to me in Iraq around the middle of Nov 2007 so that no mail would be sent to Iraq after my departure. A notice from the Idaho Dept of Water Resources was sent to my Florida residence on or about 7 Dec 2007 (Copy attached) requesting my decision to extend the water right leases or not. From that point, my wife was holding all mail until my return not knowing what the Water Dept letter was about. When I got home in January 2008, the leases had expired. My original plan was to retire in June 2007 but then I was deployed to Iraq. Then, my plan at that point was to submit my retirement paperwork for Sept 2008, but because of Air Force restructuring at my base, I was not able to get a retirement date any earlier than 1 April 2009 (Orders attached). My next problem is that I own a house here in Florida and I may not be able to sell it prior to my retirement so to avoid a financial hardship as I transfer from active military service to civilian life, I may have to remain in Florida a while longer so that I can sell my house and my wife can arrange a job transfer to Mountain Home AFB, ID with the Army/Air Force Exchange Service. This why I am applying for my water rights to be accepted back into the Water Supply Bank for an indefinite period. I have included the applications for each water right along with copies of the originals leases that expired on 31 Dec 2007. Additionally, I have also included copies of original transfer documents transferring the water rights over to me and the extension that was granted until 31 Oct 2008 for me to complete the transfer which has been affected by my military duties. I greatly appreciate your time on this matter and it's my hope these applications will be approved. I stand by to provide any further information you might need. Thank you again.

Respectfully yours,



BERNARD SARINAS, CMSgt, USAF