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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Re: Water Right Permit No. 63-31630

Dear Jeff:

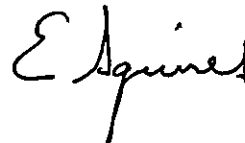
I write in regards to Water Right Permit No. 63-31630, owned by the City of Meridian, Idaho (City), to request an extension of time to submit Proof of Beneficial Use. A slow down in the national U.S. economy has also affected the City such that the section of the City where this well is located has not grown as projected and a second of two requested points of diversion (wells) has not yet been needed or constructed. Considerable work has been accomplished toward this project with one of the two wells constructed, equipped, and on-line to the City's water distribution system.

A second issue with this water right is that the Permit has been allowed to Lapse when Proof of Beneficial Use was not submitted on the due date of May 1st, 2008. The City administration has been going through rapid changes in the last year, most notably in several successive Public Works Directors and City Engineers; the officials most responsible for dealing with the City's water rights. Indeed, there have been times recently (including now) when the City is without one of those positions. As a result, the Proof Due for Water Right Permit No. 63-31630 has "fallen through the cracks" and has not been attended to as it should have. The City has contracted with Hydro Logic, Inc. to ensure that this filing gets made and that we also follow up with the Proof of Beneficial Use Field-Licensing Examination when that is appropriate. I understand that the priority will be advanced by an increment of days since the Proof Due date.

Please send all correspondence with respect to this Permit through my offices at the above address and feel free to call on me with any questions the Department may have.

Respectfully,

Ed Squires



C: Tom Barry, City of Meridian Public Works Director
Rick Clinton, City of Meridian Water Department Superintendent