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RE: Application for Transfers 74615, 74616, 74617, 74618, & 74619

Dear Pam;

Hopefully this will answer the questions you had in your E-mail.

The Water Rights involved with the transfers listed above can only receive Rotation Credit if they are deliverable at the user's field headgate. These Applicants and one other water user attempt every year to receive their water thru the B&J Canal but due to the amount of conveyance loss the water is not deliverable or only lasts as long as they have storage water to supplement the delivery. When their Storage Water runs out they can no longer receive their water. All of the other B & J Canal water right holders have wells and do not rely on their surface water rights. The Applicants have agreed to leave their water in the B & J Canal as long as it is deliverable so as to not to injure possible delivery to other canal users.

If Applicants were able to use rotation into storage I do not believe it benefitted them very much because they then had to pay the conveyance loss of the Moore River Reach (typically 40 to 50 %) along with the loss in the B & J canal on any Rotation water.

As to the concerns of injury to users in the Eastside Canal I cannot see any way these Transfers could cause them any harm and if anything it may benefit them a little (very little) in adding a little bit more water going down the river to the Moore Diversion where the Eastside Canal takes off.

If you have any more questions please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely;
Bob Shaffer

Watermaster
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