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UNITED WATER IDAHO INC
C/O ROGER DITTUS
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RE: APPLICATIONS TO RENT WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK.

Dear Mr. Dittus,

The Department of Water Resources (department) acknowledges receipt of your applications to rent water from the Water Supply Bank (bank). The first application specifies rental of a diversion rate of 2.35 cfs and a diversion volume of 320 acre-feet of water. The second specifies rental of a diversion rate of 0.67 cfs and a diversion volume of 150 acre-feet of water.

As we discussed over the telephone, the diversion rate or diversion volume rented from the bank is typically based on the proportional amount of the water right being rented. If a specific diversion rate is required by the renter, the corresponding diversion volume is calculated based on the volume proportional to the rate authorized under a specific right. The same approach is applied in determining the proportional diversion rate if a specific diversion volume is required by the renter. In the area of interest identified for the referenced applications, the authorized diversion volume is generally 4.5 acre-feet per year per acre. If the a diversion rate of one (1) miner's inch per acre (0.02 cfs/acre) is authorized for irrigation purposes, a corresponding volume can be estimated for irrigation use: required diversion rate divided by 0.02 cfs/ac times 4.5 af/yr/ac. The tables below show the estimated diversion volume proportional to the requested diversion rate for a typical water right.

Application 1	Amount	Rental Fee*
Requested Diversion Rate	2.35 cfs	
Requested Diversion Volume	320 af	\$3,520.00
Proportional Diversion Volume	528.7 af	\$5,815.70

Application 2	Amount	Rental Fee*
Requested Diversion Rate	0.67 cfs	
Requested Diversion Volume	150 af	\$1,650.00
Proportional Diversion Volume	150.7 af	\$1,657.70

* Rental Fee based on the Current Rental Rate at the time the applications were received of \$11.00/af.

There are a limited number of water rights for irrigation use available for rent from the Water Supply Bank. There are other rights available in the area that may require a change in nature of use to provide for the renter's intended use. This may also impact the total volume rented to accommodate a specified diversion rate. Please let me know whether there are any limitations or criteria impacting the amount of water required to meet the renter's needs.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Bridge Clark
Water Allocation Bureau

c: John Marshall – Givens Pursley LLP