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Allan Merritt
Idaho Department of Water Resources – Southern Region
1341 Fillmore Street, Ste. 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

Subject: Application for Permit

Dear Allan,

Please find enclosed an Application for Permit submitted on behalf of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. The purpose of the application is to develop an emergency backup water supply for the Magic Valley Medical Center.

The primary Magic Valley Medical Center water supply for potable and culinary purposes will be provided by the City of Twin Falls municipal water system. However, an emergency backup supply for the Magic Valley Medical Center is required for accreditation purposes. The emergency backup water would be used only under extreme emergency circumstances, e.g., if the City of Twin Falls municipal water supply were interrupted by a catastrophic event such as an earthquake, power outage, and/or system contamination, etc. Per accreditation requirements, the backup well/pump system will be tested on a monthly basis to ensure operability.

IDWR currently has a processing hold in place for new applications in the Twin Falls area (Moratorium Order dated April 30, 1993). However, the processing hold instructions "do not prevent the Director from reviewing for approval on a case-by-case basis an application which otherwise would not be processed if,

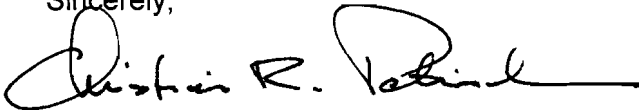
- (a) Protection and furtherance of the public interest as determined by the Director, requires immediate consideration and approval of the application;
- (b) The Director determines that the development and use of the water pursuant to an application will have no effect on prior surface and ground water rights because of its ... insignificant consumption of water..."

In this case, the application for an emergency backup water supply for the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center would clearly protect and further the public interest. Furthermore, the application represents an insignificant consumption of water because the backup water supply would only be used in an extreme emergency – such as if the City of Twin Falls municipal water supply were interrupted by a highly

unusual, catastrophic event. Thus, on behalf of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, I respectfully request that IDWR process this application, despite the current moratorium in this area.

In advance, thank you very much for your efforts regarding these submittals. Enclosed is a check for \$250 to cover the cost of processing this permit application. Please call me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian R. Petrich", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christian R. Petrich, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.
Principal Engineer/Hydrologist

cc: Mr. Jeff Hull, A.I.A, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center
Mr. Tom South, South Landscape Architecture

Enclosure: Application for Permit