

Gibson, Deborah

From: kathleen13 [kathleen1387@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2006 2:47 PM
To: Gibson, Deborah
Subject: Availability Calendar

Dear Debbie,

It was nice to have a chance to talk with you this morning. I indeed will make a trip into IDWR to meet you the next time I am in Boise. I was supposed to be there for the St. Mark's fundraiser last Saturday but my mother's current condition and a dog with vestibular syndrome kept me home.

In looking at my June 2007 calendar, the last two weeks of the month would be perfect for me. Starting with June 18th I can be free for the rest of the month. As I mentioned this morning, the 1st of June will be my mother's 99th birthday and that is followed by graduations for 2 of my grandchildren. The 18th or after would be my choice for a hearing in June.

Since you said you would give my comments to Mr. Spackman, I would like to respond to his letter of October 20th.

Yes, Mr. Spackman, the days that I blacked out on the calendars for March, April and May were "inconvenient" for me. You asked for my choice and I gave it to you but your letter of the 20th sounds as though you were displeased with my choice! Frankly, IDWR has given me two dates for hearings that I had to make special arrangements in order to attend. I was in Salmon in April for the pre-hearing conference which lasted 3 hours and accomplished zilch. In order to get to that conference I had to fly, rent a vehicle and pay for accommodations since my home was still closed for the winter. In addition, I had to hire an RN for round-the-clock duty for my then 97 year old mother for whom I am the sole caregiver. I left home on Sunday and returned on Wednesday and the cost was exorbitant.

At the April conference, IDWR then set a September hearing which I again made arrangements to attend. I hired the nurse for my mother and arranged with my son and son-in-law for them to accompany me so that we could get our home winterized. Since my son and son-in-law are contractors, they shut their jobs down for a week in order to accommodate this. During the telecon you asked if any of us had plane tickets already for our trips and I couldn't say that I did. Since it was so apparent that the decision had already been made to delay the hearing, and knowing that if you went on with the hearing the next move for the Water Board would have been to charge IDWR with failure to meet its notification requirements which would have caused even longer delays, the protestors remained silent. Damned if we do and damned if we don't so to speak. I would also like to point out that the protestors had managed to meet all of the deadlines set by IDWR for the September meeting and were well prepared to proceed.

Since so many special arrangements had been made by our family to attend the September hearing, we went ahead with our trip as planned as the decision to delay came too late for us to change plans without paying for them anyway. We left home on Sunday night at 11PM arriving in Salmon on Monday afternoon. We left Salmon Thursday evening and arrived home at 9AM on Friday morning. During that time my son and son-in-law conducted business by long distance phone calls. The cost of this was priceless considering that for under \$200 I could have had friends in Salmon winterize my house.

I don't believe that, up to this point, IDWR has been at all concerned about how convenient their dates, deadlines or decisions have been for me. I have had to spend the last year and a half of my life fighting the Water Board over an issue that should have been turned down by IDWR when the first application was made. As a matter of fact, if IDWR had been enforcing its original order the Board would have had no reason to apply for municipal status and spend our money on "canned", faulty engineering reports.

I have asked for the last two weeks in June for the next hearing date. I have done so because that is the most convenient time for me. At that point my grandchildren will be out of school so they and my daughters will be able

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to help with my mother's care. If the hearing is held on the 18th of June or after, I will be able to be here for the graduations of two of my grandchildren as well as my mother's 99th birthday. If convenience for anyone but the new hearing officer doesn't matter, so be it.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Gliksman

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