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Dear Mr. Dreher:

I went to the meeting in which Mr. Tuthill spoke and talked about the water model. Mr. Tuthill talked about damages from reduced spring flows. I have gone through many damages or costs over the years with my spring flows reducing. Spring 36-00073 use to irrigate 6 acres plus give me my domestic water. The 6 acres is above the John Bell ditch which was being watered by gravity corrugations. Now as of 1/18/04 it is only flowing 7.8 g.p.m., which is not even enough to fill my domestic right. So I have had to spend money to pump the water up the hill to irrigate those acres from another source.

Three years ago Spring 35-00074 was watering 8 acres with no pump, because of the height I was able to gravity the water into the sprinkler system. Now there is only enough water for 1 acre from this spring, it is flowing 16 g.p.m. as of 1/18/04. I had to install a pump from another source and pump it up hill also. Therefore I have costs of both pumps and electricity to pump the water. I would go back to gravity on both if there were enough water in the springs.

Since I can't make a call on my irrigation water because it is not irrigation season, I will **MAKE A CALL** on my domestic 36-00073 (date 1881). If I have to drill a well because of not enough water the cost to me would be high. I would have to pay for the well, electricity, and changing the plumbing in my house. I would have to change my heating and cooling system in my house because now I use gravity spring water to do it all. I also would have to change the method I irrigate my lawn. My house is set up for gravity spring water; it has been getting that water since 1881.

I wrote to you on Nov. 22, 2003 and the domestic was flowing 10 g.p.m. and dropping fast. Your answer to me was the 10 g.p.m. was adequate - now it is way below that and will continue to fall all winter, spring, and summer. When do you finally do something? I need help. So please deliver me the water. If your answer is still not satisfactory, I will probably have to get a lawyer to help me fight you even though it is your job to deliver that water. I will become an active participant instead of an inactive participant.

Sincerely,

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