

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 43-2450C, 43-13416 and 43-13417

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: February 7, 2006

Re: Review/Analysis for Application to Lease and Rent Water Right(s) through the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE:

Companion applications to lease and rent water through the water supply bank (bank) were filed by John Schorzman. The application proposes to lease all of water right 43-2450C to the bank for an indefinite lease term at the current rental rate. A companion rental application was filed to rent a portion of this right for use on land not covered by a water right. The applicant recently filed two transfer applications to accommodate the same change in use (transfer nos. 72160 and 72162). To manage data related to the transfers, staff split right 43-2450C into two new rights: 43-13416 and 43-13417. The approved leases and rental reference the split water right numbers.

AUTHORITY TO FILE:

The water rights are currently in the name of the applicant.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY:

All of the referenced rights were decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication on June 28, 2002.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS:

Staff is unaware of any possible injury by the proposed leases and rental.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE:

The proposed leases and subsequent rental do not appear to constitute an enlargement of use.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The leases and rental appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

RENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Acre limits on the rights should be considered when reviewing rental of the rights.

NARRATIVE:

None