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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in regards to Case No. 81-11982. Mr. Kenneth Bowen was issued a permit to Appropriate Water on January 12, 2006. He has not been issued a Drilling Permit as of this time. Prior to the issuance of the Permit to Appropriate Water the City of Kooskia, Idaho was never notified. Mr. Bowen is seeking to drill a well within the city limits of Kooskia. Kooskia has an ordinance prohibiting the building of wells within the city limits. Apparently, Mr. Bowen never advised you of this fact. However, prior to issuing any permit to drill a well the City of Kooskia requests you consider several important issues.

The City of Kooskia uses ground water for 100% of its drinking water supply and protection of this resource is critical to the health and welfare of this community.

Drinking water protection will help protect this resource from ground water contamination. In 1989 the Idaho Legislature enacted the ground water quality protection act that set forth the development of the state well head protection plan. Upon requirements set forth by the State of Idaho, the City of Kooskia source water assessment report (DEQ, 2003) provides a detailed description of the delineated drinking water protection area. To protect these delineated areas and our drinking water supply the City of Kooskia passed an ordinance to prohibit any potential sources of ground water contamination such as well drilling.

This proposed well is less than 2000' from wells No. 1 & 2 and approximately 2000' from well No. 3. Wells 1 & 2 are shallow wells of 102 and 112 feet deep. Well No. 3 is a deep well of 300 ft. Well No. 1 & 2 will draw air after extended use. As a viable alternative, Mr. Bowen's property in question is adjacent to the Middle Fork of the

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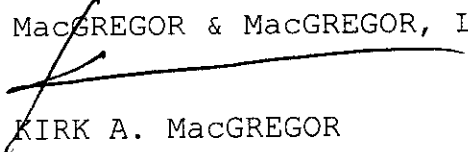
Clearwater River. He has easy access to irrigate from the river and this would not pose a contamination threat to the City wells. The City has no objection to Mr. Bowen irrigating from the river. Due to these facts and the proximity to our wells, and the possible threat of ground water contamination, we urgently request that the Dept. of Water Resources deny a drilling permit for anyone living within the city limits of Kooskia. If one is allowed, a precedent is established for the future.

For your information, Kenneth Bowen is represented by attorney Steve Rishling of Juliaetta, Idaho.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: City of Kooskia
Steve Rishling