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RE: Application for Transfer no. 71254 - Mickelsen Properties, LLC.

Dear Mr. Warner:

We are in receipt of two (2) protests filed to the above referenced Application for Transfer. One appears to have been filed by the Big Lost River Irrigation District and the other by an entity which calls itself Big Lost River Water Users Association. If publication of the notices occurred on the dates indicated in your letter of December 29; that is, January 6 and 13, 2005, then the time for filing a protest should have expired on or about the 23 of January, so we should have all of the protests at this time.

Our request would be that you schedule this matter for hearing at the earliest possible time. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Kent W. Foster

c: Kent Fletcher, Big Lost River Irrigation District
Lawrence Babcock, Chairman, Big Lost River Water Users Assoc.