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June 24, 2004

CITY OF BURLEY
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BURLEY, ID 8331

Dear Applicant(s):

Please find enclosed an Application for Amendment of a Permit that you recently filed with our office. The application is being returned because it is incomplete and cannot be accepted for processing. I have directed our fiscal section to issue a refund of the \$50.00 filing fee.

The application proposes the addition of a point of diversion to water right permit 45-13411. However, the application does not include a map that shows the location of the proposed point of diversion, which is a requirement for an acceptable application. Examination of permit 45-13411 reveals that it currently identifies six points of diversion (wells) for the city's culinary municipal system. One of these described points of diversion, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, is for a new well to be drilled. The original application identifies this particular proposed well location as just north of East 5th Street, between Almo Avenue and Elba Avenue. Department well drilling records indicate that no drilling permit applications for a well at this location have been received. If the intent of the City of Burley is to abandon this proposed well site in favor of the new well site described on the enclosed application, then the application needs to be modified to reflect a "change in point of diversion" rather than "adding a point of diversion".

A review of water right records for the City of Burley reveals a major inconsistency in the descriptions of the authorized points of diversion (well locations). As previously mentioned, water right permit 45-13411, the most recent water right filing by the City of Burley, currently identifies six points of diversion (wells) for the city's culinary municipal system. One of these six wells is a proposed new well to be drilled, that apparently has not yet been drilled. Review of the 45-13411 application and permit file reveals that the five existing wells are tied together into a common distribution system (the 7.8 cfs permitted by 45-13411 can be diverted from any combination of the wells listed on the permit). However, examination of the preliminary Snake River Basin Adjudication recommendations for the city's older water rights 45-4080, 45-4098, 45-4099, and 45-7269 reveals that they only identify a separate individual well for each right (four wells total, one described for each right). Permit 45-7735, which is pending licensing in

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Boise, also only describes a single point of diversion (well) as its source of water. It appears that these other water rights (45-4080, 45-4098, 45-4099, 45-7269, and permit 45-7735) could be modified to reflect all of the point of diversion (well) locations that are used within the city's culinary municipal system. This would provide the City of Burley with added flexibility in diverting ground water in the event of a possible failure of one of the city's wells or if some sort of priority cut were ever implemented that could reduce the amount of water that could be diverted from a particular well.

If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corey Skinner".

Corey Skinner, PE
Water Resource Engineer

Enclosure