

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 04, 2004
To: Transfer 71015
From: rwarner
Re: Transfer Comments

This transfer proposes to add another well (POD) to three water rights owned by the City of Idaho Falls. The new well will be named well 13B. It will be a sister well to Well 13. The infrastructure for this new well has been in place since the installation of 13. In making application for this new POD, the City of Idaho Falls performed a usage analysis to determine how much water was being used relative to the amount allowed under the collective water rights. The analysis shows the water right capacity at 129.88 cfs and the highest peak of usage at 88.51 cfs indicating room for expansion. A similar difference was demonstrated for an acre-foot comparison.

Authority to File:
Applicant is the owner of the water rights

Water Right Validity:
Water right 35-3020 has been partially decreed in the SRBA. Water rights 25-2142 and 25-7058 were claimed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication and have been favorably recommended.

Injury to Other Water Rights:
Basin 25. The transfer will be advertised statewide to determine any protests. No injury from adding the POD location is anticipated.

Enlargement of Use:
There is no evidence of enlargement of use. The City's analysis demonstrates that it already has the right to this increased capacity.

Local Public Interest:
No issues have been identified. The transfer will be advertised in the local newspaper to determine otherwise.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:
Transfer will provide additional capacity of culinary water for municipal needs of the City of Idaho Falls.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.