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August 17, 1999

IDAHO RURAL COUNCIL
C/O AMBER FELTON
PO BOX 236
BOISE ID 83701

RE: Application for Transfer No. 5485 for JR Simplot Co

Dear Protestant:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the protest filed by you against the above referenced applications for transfer. The following are the principle items considered by the Department at a conference and/or hearing in either approving or denying an application for transfer:

1. Are other water rights injured by the transfer?
2. Does the change constitute enlargement in the use of the original right?
3. Is the change consistent with the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho?
4. Does the change conflict with the local public interest?

The protestant must be prepared to present proof of the allegations involving one or more of the items. You will be notified at a later date as to the time and place set for conference and/or hearing.

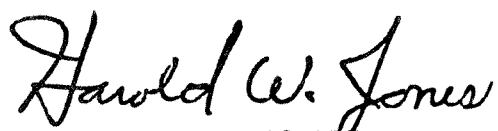
In addition, Rule 302 of the Department's Rules of Procedure requires a protestant to send a copy of the protest to the applicant in question. The address is as follows:

JR SIMPLOT COMPANY
PO BOX 27
BOISE ID 83707

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If we may be of further assistance, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harold W. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H".

HAROLD W. JONES
Water Rights Supervisor

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cc: IDWR - State Office