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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Emergency Leads
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SUBJECT: Mock Water Emergency Call
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As you are aware, the Commission instructed me to make several mock water emergency calls this summer so that we could ascertain whether in the event of a real call we could respond in a timely way. This is the second mock call this summer and unlike the first one the timing and nature of this call was not pre-announced.

If a real call were requested from a Utah water user, the first effort would be to collect information that would allow the Commission to determine if a water emergency should be declared. This e-mailed mock call is focusing on this initial process. I would appreciate it if both Utah and Idaho would provide me with a response of no more than one page as to whether or not the Commission should, if a call was made today, call a water emergency. For this practice drill, assume that PacifiCorp has just informed the water users that due to the denial of a dredging permit and concerns about siltation of the Lifton Pumps forebay, Outlet Canal releases will need to be cut to 600 cfs on Monday, July 30. With this news, the Bear River Canal Company has formally requested that a water emergency be declared and that interstate regulation be imposed.

In the event of a real call, I would plan to ask for this quick response from the two states and then very promptly make a report to the Commission and most likely call, under the direction of the Chair, a Commission meeting. The meeting could be held by a conference call. I don't choose to call the full Commission for this mock effort but I do plan to use the Operation Committee as if they were the Commission. Hence, I will pass on your response to the committee. Please, therefore, have your written response to me by fax or e-mail no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30. For uniformity, please use Friday, July 20 data (Bear Lake time). Please print for me a list of water rights by reach and then by priority in the Lower Division indicating natural flow allocations. I don't need on the list the water rights which are not being served.

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I would also appreciate each of you providing me with an accounting of stored water use this year by diverter as of July 20, using the accounting model. It would be fine with me if you indicated only the major users and lumped all the small pumpers together. I will on Monday forward your list to PacifiCorp. If this were a real emergency, we would then need to know immediately how to allocate the 600 cfs of storage release. Hence, I will ask PacifiCorp to declare by next Tuesday to whom these releases are to be delivered. This issue of where pumped water is to be delivered may come more into focus in the future, perhaps as early as next year. It now appears that under the Settlement Agreement water users may not be allocated a full supply of Bear Lake storage water next year.

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