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February 27, 1997

Armand Eckert 716-B E 4900 N Buhl, ID 83316

RE: Your Letter Dated 2-13-97

Dear Armand;

Per your request, profile reports for water rights and claims in Water District 47-G are being sent to you in two envelopes. Let me know if you need anything else.

With regard to your questions, I hope you understand that water is NOT to be delivered according to SRBA claims. The original licenses and decrees serve as the basis for deliveries until they are decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. The SRBA decrees will eventually replace the old rights, and could be for the same amounts of water or for less water. The new rights will never be for MORE water than the old rights, however, so claims in excess of the existing rights will be reduced as needed to avoid expansions and to reflect the historic beneficial use of the rights. About the only value of SRBA claims to water districts at this time is to provide names and addresses of the present land owners.

The letter "J" in the Stage column means that a claim is based on beneficial use rather than on a license or decree. For these claims, the claimant must support the priority date claimed with additional evidence. If the claimed use requires a water right, the priority date must be prior to the mandatory permit dates; if it is not, the claim can be recommended for disallowal. There are also claims with priority dates after the mandatory permit dates that are acceptable as expansions of existing rights. These claims are also based on beneficial use, but normally cover additional acres that were put under irrigation after the original water right was developed. No additional diversion capacity is allowed under these claims, however.



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Numbers 47-07403, 7708, 7782 and 7785 represent applications for water permits that are not yet approved. No diversions are allowed under these filings until the permits are granted. Numbers 47-02354 and 2407 represent lapsed permits with legal usage. Licenses 47-02346B and 2347B, in the name of Frank King, were not claimed in the SRBA; if these rights are still used, they will be lost of not claimed. Numbers 47-08059 and 8060 are permits that are outside the adjudication process; proof of beneficial use was filed in 1994, so no claims are required.

I am including a listing of the rights and claims for License 47-02159. Valid filings have an "L" in the Stage column, while anything in the Status column means that that number does not represent a valid water right or claim. These placeholder rights are created when a decree or license is split by a transfer so that the original number can be accounted for in our records. Placeholder claims are created in various ways, but again have to stay in the records for accounting purposes.

Regards,

James E. Stanton Sr. Water Resource Agent



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February 13, 1997

Armand Eckert 716-B E 4900 N Buhl, ID 83316

Water District: 47-G, Salmon Falls Creek

Dear Mr. Eckert;

Enclosed is the water-right information you requested earlier today. Our FAX charge is 25 cents a page, and I ended up with more pages than expected. To save you a FAX charge, I am mailing the reports instead. The two permits for Magic Irrigators are not involved in the adjudication process, and no claims have been filed.

Regards,

James E. Stanton Sr. Water Resource Agent Mr. James E. Stanton Sr. Water Resource Agent Idaho Department of Water Resources 1341 Fillmore - Suite 200 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380 FEB 18 1997

Dear Jim

Thanks for spending some time when I visited your office the other day. I appreciate the time. As we discussed, I am trying to update the water right records for Water District 47G. After reviewing the information you provided me, I apparently did not get all of the summary sheets for the District. Would you please provide me a "Licensed Water Right Summary Report" that would include water right numbers 47-2316B, 47-2417, 47-13285 (this right was included on the adjudication report and showed as "licensed"), 47-7565, 47-7615, 47-7618, 47-2316A, 47-2316C, 47-2402, 47-2407, 47-2354. These are numbers which have showed up on previous reports that I have a record of and I am just trying to reconcile my past reports with the information you have given me to determine if I have missed something or included something in error.

Also, would you provide me the "Adjudication Summary Reports" which includes water right numbers 47-2346B, 47-2347B, 47-8059, 47-8060.

Would you also provide for me the detail reports for each of the following water rights so I have them on file as part of Water District 47G records. I do get contacted from time to time about these records. The reports requested are for the following:

47-2269 47-2345A 47-2346B 47-2346B 47-2346B 47-2347A 47-2347B 47-7136B 47-7252 47-8059 47 8060 47-7569 47-7642 47-2384 47-2400 47-2415 47-4099 47-7075A 47-7075B 47-7136A 47-10261 47-2316B 47-2417 47-13285 47-15275 47-7565 47-7615 47-7618 47-2316A 47-2316C 47-2402 47-2159B 47-2407 47-2354 47-2159C 47-2159F 47-2159G 47-2159H

I would also like to bring to your attention several differences between the "Licensed Summary Report" and the "Adjudication Summary Report". Water right 47-2345B has 2.875 cfs as licensed and 8.625 cfs on the adjudication, 47-7252 has 16.00 cfs as licensed and 20.00 cfs on the adjudication, 47-7569 has 5.52 cfs licensed, 5.60 cfs on the adjudication and a second 20.00 cfs for a "R" adjudication, 47-7642 is shown as "licensed" but on the adjudication is shown as "pending", and both 47-13285/47-15275 are shown as water priority dates of 7/18/23 which seems impossible for later water filings.

In the adjudication summary, there are water rights described with an "A" in front of the water right number and than some of those numbers appear again with a "R" in front of them. You had indicated that for the "R" ones, that indicated a change in the water right. I would like to request the detail reports for each of those as well, but my question is whether there are separate detail reports for an "A" water right such as A47-15684 and "R" water right R47-15684, which basically is the same water right that has been changed. If there is just one report for both or two reports for each water right, I would request all for each water right. Those are as follows:

47-4502 47-15684 47-15695 47-15773 47-15774 47-15775 47-15778 47-15919 47-15925 47-16039 47-15779 47-15781 47-15782 47-15783 47-15795 47-15702 47-16325

There have not been any filed claims for these before.

The same request would be for the following numbers:

47-2159I 47-2159F 47-2159H 47-2159E 47-2159J 47-21598 47-2159G 47-2159T 47-2159U 47-2159V 47-2159L 47-2159K 47-2159M 47-2159P 47-2159N 47-2159Q 47-2159R 47-2159AB 47-2159AC 47-2159AF 47-2159AG 47-2159AA 47-2159Z 47-2159AH 47-2159W 47-2159X 47-2159Y 47-2159AJ 47-2159AK 47-2159AD* 47-2159AE*

*These two water rights appeared in other documents I have available but are not in the "Adjudication Summary Report".

The previous "licensed" rights for 2159 total 5.86 cfs whereas the adjudication claims 15.107 cfs.

Also, what does the "J" stand for in the "Adjudication Summary Report"?

I have one last question in regards to 47-7403, 47-7708, 47-7782, and 47-7785. Do these or should they be listed in the adjudication process? Also, could you get me the detail sheets for these as well?

Jim, I really appreciate the help and now that I am getting my act together, maybe I can get the reports correct. Unfortunately, I will need the information above to proceed with the required reports. Please send the above information to Armand Eckert, 716-B East, 4900 North, Buhl, Idaho 83316.

Sincerely

Armand M. Eckert, Secretary

Water District 47G

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March 6, 1997

Armand Eckert 716-B E 4900 N Buhl, ID 83316

Water District: 47-G, Salmon Falls Creek

Dear Armand;

In response to your inquiry on certain water rights and claims in your district, the following information is submitted. My last letter regarding 47-02354 and 2407 was not correct; these are lapsed permits that do not represent valid water rights, and no water should be diverted under these numbers. Whether later valid rights have replaced these lapsed permits I do not know.

Copies of SRBA Claims A47-04099 and A47-10261 are enclosed for your information. These claims are based on a beneficial use of water rather than on a license or court decree, and have not been investigated under the adjudication process. So it is not possible at this time to say whether or not these claims represent valid water rights. With regard to 10261, Permits 47-08059 & 8060 also cover these lands.

Regards,

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James E. Stanton Sr. Water Resource Agent