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October 12, 2011

Dave Bell
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Re: Your Correspondence Dated October 3, 2011 Concerning Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement District and Permit 37-8652

Dear Mr. Bell,

On this date I contacted you via telephone to clarify that the above referenced correspondence was not intended as a Petition for Reconsideration of the *Preliminary Order Creating a Water Measurement District for the Measurement and Reporting of Ground Water Rights in the Upper Big and Little Wood River Basins in Administrative Basin 37*, signed by the Interim Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) on September 21, 2011. It is my understanding that your intent of submitting the correspondence was to seek from IDWR an acceptable alternative to the standard measurement methods or devices described in the *Preliminary Order* and/or as published by IDWR.

As we discussed earlier today, the *Preliminary Order* provides that water users in the district shall submit water measurement plans to the district hydrographer in accordance with the dates specified in the order. With respect to your permit 37-8652, a measurement plan is not due until April 1, 2013, and a measuring device need not be installed on your well until the start of the 2014 irrigation season. Users may propose alternative methods or devices when submitting their measurement plans. The hydrographer, in coordination with IDWR, shall review plans and consider any proposed alternative measurement methods or devices. Alternative methods or devices may be approved depending on diversion system characteristics and whether the proposed methods will yield accurate results. The proposals will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you for your time today to clarify the intent of your written petition and allowing me the opportunity to discuss with you some potential acceptable alternative measurement methods and devices. Please contact me again if you have additional questions concerning the measurement district.

Regards,

Tim Luke
Water Compliance Bureau

Cc: Allen Merritt, IDWR Southern Region Manger

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RE: Permit 37-08652 – Upper Big Wood Measurement District

Dear Terry,

I am requesting reconsideration on method of measurement. My permit is for .09 cfs for domestic and irrigation. I would like the option to install an hour meter. The hour meter may not give the exact usage but we should be able to get a close number knowing the pump size. Hour meters cost much less and are easy to install. For smaller acreage, pumps and flow, the hour meter should be considered.

The Measurement District is a good thing for this area. However I don't understand how it will bring the water table back up. I know first hand the water is dropping. There is a drill rig outside my bedroom window right now. When I moved to this house the previous owner did not have a permit and was irrigating the same area. During the summer I would measure the water in the well and each year the water was lower. Two years ago the water couldn't keep up with the pump (1.5HP) so I put in smaller sprinkler orifices. This year that started again so I am attempting to deepen the current well. It is not looking good; apparently someone dropped some metal in the well at some time...

Thank you for reconsidering this.

Sincerely,

Dave Bell

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