

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 21, 2023
To: Transfer 88002
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Aberdeen Springfield Canal Co. (ASCC) has two existing irrigation wells (Mann and Toevs). Currently each well has its own water right. Through this transfer ASCC seeks to add a third well (Simms) to its delivery system and list all three wells as points of diversion on both water rights.

Authority to File:

Department records show ASCC as the current owner of the water rights included in the transfer. The 2004 driller's report for the Simms well shows ASCC as the well owner. The transfer application was signed by the general manager of ASCC.

Water Right Validity:

Rights 35-2543 and 35-4246 were decreed in the SRBA in 2012. WMIS shows water use from both wells in most of the years following the partial decree. Also, temporary transfers were approved for right 35-2543 in 2021 and 2022. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The applicant provided an ESPA model analysis in which 155 AF was moved from the Toevs well to the Simms well and 12 AF was moved from the Mann well to the Simms well. Model results showed impacts of less than 2 AF per trimester in each Snake River reach. Based on the model results the Toevs and Simms wells will be limited to a combined volume of 167 AF in order to prevent injury to other water rights. The application was advertised, and no protests were filed. The Water District 120 watermaster did not oppose approval of the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The total quantity authorized to be diverted will not increase and the number of acres authorized to be irrigated will not change. Enlargement is not an issue.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.