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ORANO USA LLC
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RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT(S) 1885 FOR WATER RIGHT(S) 35-13855

Dear Lessor:

Water right(s) **35-13855** was leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of January 1, 2024, in accordance with the enclosed executed lease contract(s). **Your water right(s), as described on the lease contract(s), is considered leased into the Bank and should remain unused until it is formally released from the Bank.** More information and further restrictions placed on your water right(s) while leased can be found in conditions of acceptance of the lease contract. Read the conditions of acceptance carefully.

The right(s) will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2028**, unless the right is released earlier by the Water Resource Board (Board). On behalf of the Board, the Department of Water Resources (Department) can evaluate an early release of the lease contract upon your request. To release the water right from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the *Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank* form. This form is available on our public website at www.idwr.idaho.gov. **Please note your water right may not be available for immediate release if it has been rented or is being considered for a future rental. Furthermore, it is at the discretion of the Department whether or not a water right can be released early from a lease contract.**

Lastly, our review of your water right file revealed that you were supposed to resume use of your water right by September 30, 2015, in connection with an approved *Extension of Time to Avoid Forfeiture* (extension) application. Leasing your water right, in lieu of resuming use of your water right, extends the protection from forfeiture. However, this approach has not been challenged in court as of the date of this letter and the validity of your water right could come into question since according to Idaho Code §42-222 a resumption appears to be a requirement in the process of filing an extension to avoid forfeiture.

We kindly ask that you disregard the letter sent on May 9, 2025. We appreciate your understanding as we recognize that this may have caused some confusion.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 208-287-4920.

Sincerely,

Catalina Beck

Water Resource Agent
Water Supply Bank