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TWIN LAKES WATER DISTRICT NO. 95-C
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August 19, 1995

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Dear Mr. Taggart:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the check paid to Dan Park, payment authorized by the Department of Water Resources. It was only by this receipt that we were aware that the agreement we thought we had with your office was nullified.

We had hoped to establish the watermaster as a "contract employee" in order to avoid the paperwork necessary for Social Security, Federal and State income taxes, etc., and to minimize the number of check payments to be made by your office for us. Does the action you have taken mean that you have accepted the responsibility of these additional duties? or will they be assumed by Water Resources?

When we sent Dan Park a proposed contract, he wrote back: "In regard to your contract for employment dated April 26, 1995, I cannot accept any contract that the water district sends to me as I am an employee of the State of Idaho under the supervision of the Director of the Department of Water Resources (See Idaho code 42-602)."

"Because of the above, Bob Haynes at the Department of Water Resources has advised me that I cannot sign any contract with you. We will be contacting the Attorney Generals office for advice in this matter and the Director of Water Resources will determine and fix my compensation."

"If you have any questions about the above please direct them to the Department of Water Resources."

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A meeting was held with the Water Resources Department and the Water District Board in Coeur d'Alene on May 9 and we were advised that the only functions of the Water District were to hold the Annual Meeting, elect officers and the watermaster, and to adopt a budget. This had been done on March 20, 1995 and was included in the minutes of the Annual Meeting. No other counsel has been forthcoming.

Please (a) verify and advise us that the paperwork requirements of the watermaster's employment are being fulfilled and (b) where the payroll records are being maintained as requested by the office of Idaho State Insurance Fund.

Sincerely,

TWIN LAKES WATER DISTRICT No. 95-C

Mildred L. Allen, President

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