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DIRECTOR

March 9, 1990

Raymond F. Stralow
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Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim A63-05195 Ada County

Dear Mr. Stralow,

After you submitted your Notice of Claim to Water Right in July 1989, you provided to Mr. Saxton in this office a historical summary of the development and use of water from the well on your property. The purpose of this letter is to solicit further supporting documentation or evidence for your claim in light of this agency designating the Boise Front Low Temperature Geothermal Resource Ground Water Management Area.

Although the owner of the Church well, as you called it in the summary, may not have been a party to the Silkey law suit, the January 1, 1900, priority date you claimed would substantially precede the priority dates determined for the surrounding wells in that law suit. The summary contradicts the priority date you submitted on the claim.

For the size of the well described in the summary, you have claimed a large amount of water. A total discharge of almost 377 gallons per minute would be almost as large or larger than any of the Hunt Brothers, Edwards or Ryan wells. This element of the water right will be verified by a field inspection later in the adjudication, but I thought you would want to be aware of our concerns at this date.

Lastly, I would like to address the process of placing the water from the well to beneficial use. Your summary indicates that with the initial development of the well, the use of the water for a long period of time was less than the existing or previous extent of use for up to six homes. This could be interpreted as the presence of more than a single water right for use in the homes. Would you please provide this office with more extensive detail on the date each home was connected to the system and the amount of water diverted to accomplish any expansions of the delivery system?

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Before replying, you may want to discuss your claim and the subject of these questions with your attorney. Your water right claim and the investigation of it in the Snake River Basin Adjudication are legal proceedings, and as such, you may not want to be without legal counsel. Your reply is not required in the near future, particularly in light of the information that is requested, but the ground water management area can be administered more effectively if the extent of all water rights within it are properly described.

Regards,



Donald V. Shaff
Manager, Adjudication Section

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