



## State of Idaho

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Quentin Nesbitt  
Idaho Power Company  
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Re: Monthly Power Records for Ground Water Pumps in Water District 36

Dear Quentin:

Based upon our telephone discussion yesterday, please consider this letter as a request for a determination of the cost of having Idaho Power Company provide power usage information on a monthly basis for irrigation wells in State Water District 130. This information is needed to allow the watermaster and the Department to monitor plans intended to reduce withdrawal of ground water by 8 percent in this area.

There are approximately 1000 ground water diversions in the area, but data reported monthly are only needed for those diversions for which the owner has offered a reduction plan based upon reducing diversions (as opposed to those who have, for example, offered a plan based upon reduced acreage irrigated).

The information is needed for the remainder of this and next season and possibly future years. These are records that Idaho Power Company has been supplying to the Department annually for several years, but the need now is to have the information within a week or so into the following month to allow management decisions to occur during the season. If legal constraints prevent Idaho Power Company from providing the information more frequently than yearly, the specific water users needing to have the monthly report to confirm compliance with their reduction plan, can be asked to sign a form allowing release of the data.

Thank you for consideration of this request. If additional information is needed, please give me a call at 327-7910 or Tim Luke at 327-7864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman C. Young'.

Norman C. Young  
Administrator  
Water Management Division

c. Tim Luke