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Water District 13N
Judy Phillips, Secretary
P.O. Box 247
Preston, Idaho 83263

Re: Birch Creek Culinary Irrigation Company

Dear Judy,

This firm represents Birch Creek Culinary Water Company, the owner of Idaho water right no. 13-7926. The Company recently received an assessment from Water District 13N. The Company understands that Strawberry Mink Creek Water Association, which we understand is also within the District, did not receive an assessment. The Company does not believe it should be required to pay assessments if other culinary water rights within the District are not required to pay assessments. If there is a good reason why the Company should be charged assessments while others are not, please let me know. Otherwise the Company asks that its assessment be withdrawn.

The Company was also contacted recently by Reed Swan who requested access to the Company's measuring device. The Company understands that water use by Strawberry Mink Creek Water Association is not being measured. As with assessments, the Company will not object to reporting water measurements as long as all other culinary water rights in the basin are being measured.

In the event the District undertakes to measure all culinary and domestic rights, the Company requests permission to measure and report water measurements on its own. Because its water supply is used for culinary purposes, the Company's meter is located in a locked building within a locked property for safety reasons. Should the Company be required to report measurements, please provide a form the Company can use to do its own reporting to Water District 13N.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'T. J. Budge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

T. J. BUDGE