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Re: intent to remain a party and participate in distribution of water to Water Right Nos. 36-15501, 36-02551 and 36-07694.

We did not receive your letter indicating that it is necessary to notify you that we intend to remain a party in the above matter. However as the letters from attornies began arriving we wondered what was going on, but since there were no letters from individuals we assumed it was another case of legal posturing and pulp mill and USPS profits as the stack of letters grew daily.

I called Alan Merrit at Twin Falls Friday 30 Sep 2005, and he referred me to Phil Rassier at Boise. I called Mr. Rassier and he was very helpful in explaining that we should have received a letter indicating that we had until 27 Sep 2005 to notify you of our intent to remain a party to the proceedings. I told him that it seemed more simple and logical to me that those who were initially a party should remain a party unless they opted out. As I think about it that might have even saved some time and money. But what do laymen know about matters of law and governance?

Mr. Rassier encouraged me to submit a letter to you explaining our situation and see if we can remain a party to the proceedings. We do wish to remain a party to the proceedings and sure hope we do not have to take a chainsaw to pulp mill trees and clog our apparently somewhat less than efficient postal system by having to notify a plethora of people of our intent.

We look forward to your reply and hope we receive it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neal Bowman

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