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TO DIRECTOR KARL J. DREHER

MR.DREHER

THIS LETTER IS TO PETITION MY WATER RIGHT NUMBER OF 36-7717.
THE WATER RIGHT IS FOR A STOCKWATER RIGHT OF 0.07 CFS OR 10.5 AFA ,ALSO A COMMERCIAL RIGHT OF 0.07CFS OR 0.6 AFA. YOUR RECORDS CALL THIS A COMMERCIAL/DAIRY BARN; STOCKWATER/120 MILKING COWS& 150 DRY STOCK.
MY REASONS FOR NOT BEING SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER IS THAT THIS WELL IS LOCATED TWO MILES FROM THE SNAKE RIVER IN THE OLD MINIDOKA PROJECT . AS YOU KNOW THE WATER TABLE HERE IS ABOUT 3 TO 4 FEET FROM THE SURFACE .
BACK WHEN WE STARTED THIS DAIRY IN 1977 WE WERE TOLD THAT WE HAD TO HAVE A COMMERCIAL WATER RIGHT FOR THIS NEW DAIRY SO WE WENT OUT AND DID ALL WE HAD TO DO TO GET TO GET THOS RIGHT .
THE WELL WAS DUG TO A DEPTH OF 50 FEET .WE WENT THROUGH THE TOP SURFACE WATER DOWN TO THE NEXT LAYER OF WATER.
WHEN THE WELL WAS PUT IN THE WATER WAS AT 14 FEET TO THE SURFACE. THE PUMP IS ON A 20 FOOT PIECE OF PIPE AND WE HAVE NEVER RAN OUT OF WATER.

LETS NOW TALK ABOUT SOME OR THE REASONS WHY THIS WELL SHOULD NOT BE SHUTOFF .

FIRST THIS AREA OF THE AQUAFER IS WHAT THAY CALL A PURGED AQUAFER .THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT STREAMS OF WATER UNDER THE SURFACE.

BACK WHEN EARL CORLESS WAS WORKING FOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN A MEETING HE TOLD A GROUP OF WATER USERS THAT WHEN THE MILNER POOL IS FULL THE GROUND WATER FLOWS TO THE NORTH OR AWAY FROM THE RIVER.

IF THIS IS TRUE MY WELL HAS NOT A THING TO DO WITH THE SPRINGS THAT RANGEN'S USE.

SECOND, WHERE THIS WELL IS MINIDOKA IRRGATION HAS A DRAIN DITCH TO HELP TAKE SOME OF THE GROUND WATER AWAY . THIS DITCH HAS WATER IN IT ALL YEAR LONG AND HAS NEVER WENT DRY IN THE 26 YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HERE.

THIRD , I HAVE A SURFACE WATER RIGHT UNDER MINIDOKA IRRGATION DISTRICT WHAT IS A FEDERAL RIGHT.
THIS RIGHT COVERS ALL THE LAND THAT THIS DAIRY SIT ON.BUT AS IT IS WE DO NOT USE ALL THE WATER OF THIS RIGHT BECUSE WE DON'T WATER THE BARN YARDS WITH MID WATER.SO THIS WATER IS LEFT IN THE SNAKE RIVER STORAGE FOR OTHERS TO USE.

I TALKED TO MID TO SEE IF I COULD TRANFORD SOME OF MY WATER RIGHT TO OFFSET THE DEPLETION BUT I CAN NOT BECUSE MID IS FEDERAL AND THIS IS A STATE RIGHT.

FORTH,THE AMOUNT OF WATER OF THIS DIVERSION IS SO SMALL AND ON THE EASTER SIDE OF WATER DISTRICT NO.130 I FEEL THAT IF YOU SHUT OFF THIS RIGHT ALL YOU ARE GOING TO DO IS TO PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS AND IN TO BANKRUPCY. WE HAVE HAD IT HARD ENOUGH WITH OUT THIS PROBLEM TO ADD TO ALL THE OTHER THAT HAVE COME UP OVER THE PAST YEARS.

THANK YOU

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