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The Honorable John R. Anderson, District Judge
Eighth Judicial District
920 East Highway 40
VERNAL UT 84078

Re: Uinta Basin General Adjudication
2003 Interim Distribution Schedule
Duchesne County Civil No. 560800056CV

Dear Judge Anderson:

Enclosed for your consideration are courtesy copies of a Motion of the State Engineer for Order of Distribution and a proposed interim Order of Distribution to govern distribution of water on the Duchesne and Strawberry River system for the 2003 irrigation season. The originals have been filed with the Court Clerk in Duchesne. Copies of the Motion, Order of Distribution, and this letter are being sent to all counsel and interested parties of record.

As you may recall, the distribution of water in this area has been regulated under interim orders of this Court as part of the pending statutory general adjudication of water rights for the Uinta Basin during years when it appears that there will be insufficient water to satisfy all existing water rights. Unfortunately, current information on snow pack indicates that an interim order of distribution will be necessary for the 2003 irrigation season.

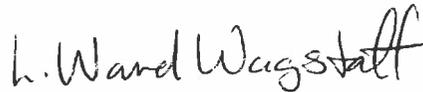
This year, after consultation with the water users and the Duchesne River Commissioner, we have modified the distribution schedule to allow greater flexibility in beginning and ending regulation of the irrigation diversions. These changes are explained in the Motion and in the Distribution Schedule attached to the proposed Order of Distribution. The water users are already aware of the proposed schedule including the modifications. Otherwise, the basic Distribution Schedule is virtually identical to those submitted in 1996 and 2002.

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We have not requested a hearing at this time. If any objections to the proposed Order of Distribution are filed, we request that the Court set the matter for hearing as soon as reasonably possible. I will stay in touch with the Court Executive in that regard. If no objections are filed, we will file a Notice to Submit for Decision.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-7227.

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosures
ccw/encls: All counsel and interested parties of record