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The Honorable John R. Anderson  
Eighth Judicial District Judge  
147 East Main Street  
VERNAL UT 84078

Re: Uinta Basin General Adjudication--  
1995 Interim Distribution Schedule,  
Duchesne County Civil No. 3070

Dear Judge Anderson:

Enclosed for your consideration are courtesy copies of a Motion of the State Engineer and a proposed interim Order to govern distribution of water on the Duchesne-Strawberry River System for the 1995 irrigation season. The originals have been filed with the Clerk in Duchesne. As you may recall from the Hearings on this matter the past two years, distribution of this drainage has been regulated under Order of this Court as part of the pending statutory adjudication action in Duchesne County during those years when there is anticipated to be insufficient water to satisfy existing rights. Unfortunately, current snowpack data indicates that an interim distribution Order will again be necessary for the 1995 irrigation season--although it may not be necessary for the River Commissioner to initiate the regulated distribution on April 1st. Nevertheless, we would like to have the Order in place on April 1st if the Court is so inclined.

Based on the procedure we have used for the past several years, we are hereby submitting the Motion and proposed Order to the Court, and mailing copies of the same to attorneys and others who have expressed interest in the distribution schedule over the years (along with a copy of this letter). You will notice that the Motion, Order and distribution schedule are virtually identical to

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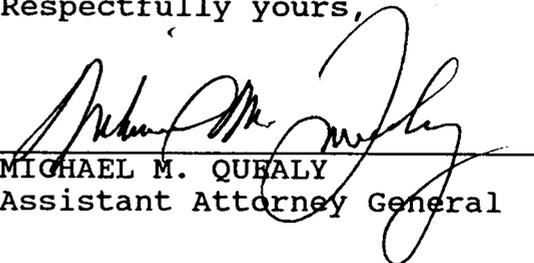
those submitted and approved by the Court last year. Further, as set forth in the Motion, the distribution schedule was discussed with representatives of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users at their annual distribution meeting on February 1, 1995. The water users were virtually unanimous in their support of adopting the same distribution schedule as last year. However, I suspect that Mr. Guy Taylor may again file an objection as he did last year.

The Uintah Basin Irrigation Company has continued concerns, but we have been meeting with them to attempt to address those concerns.

If any objections are filed to the proposed Order, we would ask that the Court set the matter for Hearing as soon as reasonably possible. I will check with the Court Administrator in that regard. If no objections are filed, I will file a Notice to Submit for Decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosures

ccw/encls: All Counsel and Interested Parties of Record

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