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Colleen Gnehm, Water Commissioner
Logan River Distribution System
195 West 1800 North
Logan UT 84321

Re: Water Commissioner Appointment

Dear Colleen:

There has been some question about the date when your current term ends as water commissioner for the Logan River. This is an unusual situation because you were appointed as water commissioner part way through the 2005 irrigation season, not in the usual manner at an annual meeting. Therefore your current term as water commissioner does not expire until June 30, 2009.

We need to make an adjustment this year to synchronize the water commissioner term again with the annual meeting. It would be difficult to convene the water users in the middle of the season to vote on re-appointing you as water commissioner and it would not be wise to change water commissioners partway through the irrigation season, if that were necessary.

You will continue in your role as water commissioner through the end of your current term, which expires on June 30, 2009. In accordance with R655-15-7(7), beginning on July 1, 2009 and until the 2010 annual meeting for the Logan River Distribution System, The Division of Water Rights will assume the role of water commissioner for the Logan River and you will serve as acting water commissioner under delegated authority from the State Engineer.

During this period you will continue to function in all of the duties and responsibilities of the water commissioner including the preparation of the annual report. The only difference will be that during this period you should not sign any documents or correspondence (with the exception of the annual report) as the water commissioner. Should it be necessary to put tags on any diversions (either regulation or enforcement tags), they should be signed by the Regional Engineer instead of you.

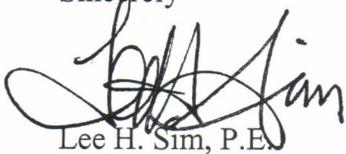
The water users will be notified that the water commissioner appointment will be up for consideration at the 2010 annual distribution meeting and that the normal procedure for re-appointing or replacing the commissioner will be followed as set forth in the administrative rules.



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I apologize for any confusion this may create, but it seems to be the best way to address this situation at this time. If you have any questions regarding this situation, please contact me by phone at 801-538-7380 or by e-mail at LeeSim@utah.gov.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee H. Sim". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "L" and "S".

Lee H. Sim, P.E.

Assistant State Engineer for Field Services

cc: Will Atkin, Regional Engineer
Rick Reese, Distribution System Committee Chairman