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CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK  
TORREY, UTAH 84775

SEAA 1142



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June 7, 2006

Mike Silva, Distribution Engineer  
Division of Water Rights  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 146300  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6300

Dear Mr. Silva:

Capitol Reef National Park is in receipt of the Utah Division of Water Rights Measuring Device Notice No. SEAA 1142 dated May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The notice states in part that "...you are hereby notified that your diversion must be equipped with a functional and accurate measuring device". The notice apparently stems from an inspection of the diverting works on the Fremont River in Capitol Reef National Park. This inspection occurred on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and was conducted by Becky Taft, Lower Fremont Distribution System Water Commissioner. Park staff accompanied Ms. Taft during this inspection.

The diverting works on the Fremont River in the park consist, in part, of an 18" transite line on which is installed an in-line analog turbine flow meter (figures 1 & 2). This device has been in place for many years, and was functioning at the time of the May 4<sup>th</sup> inspection.

We believe that the presence of this device fulfills the requirements of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, with regard to the requirement to install and maintain a measuring device at any point of diversion.

Per the instructions in the notice, park staff will contact Ms. Taft and will request that she schedule and conduct a final inspection of the diverting works. Please contact Park Facility Manger Reed Robinson should you have any questions or concerns. Mr. Robinson may be reached at 435.425.3791 x133.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Hendricks  
Superintendent

Attachment: Photos

cc: Kirk Forbush, Regional Engineer

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**Figure 1. In-line analog turbine flow meter display, Fremont River diverting works, Capitol Reef National Park.**



**Figure 2. In-line analog turbine flow meter system, Fremont River diverting works, Capitol Reef National Park.**

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