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State of Utah
Natural Resources & Energy
Water Rights Division
1636 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attn: Mr. Dee C. Hansen Re: Ogden River Distribution System meeting,
Mr. Sam Barker Chairman, held January 12, 1982
at 2:15 pm, Municipal Building, Ogden, Utah.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

I would appreciate it if you would make this letter a part of the minutes of the above mentioned meeting. The reason is I wish to change my vote pertaining to the installation of a commissioner and a deputy from a positive to a negative vote.

Being naive and thinking all men who are assigned a position on any board would do those things that are best for the majority of people, I went along with the boards suggestion. After learning the truth or facts, I learned that the water rights board proposed a move that favored one tenth of the people involved selling the other nine tenths down the river and I want no part of that, therefore, my request to change my vote to a positive NO.

Let me explain. The upper valley has one tenth acreage using water in our system, the other nine tenths acreage is in the lower valley. I understand that the lower valley pays nine tenths the cost, the upper valley one tenth the cost. I represent the Lynne Irrigation Company as President. We have over seven hundred and fifty shareholders using Lynne water. In addition there are the Western and other companies in the lower valley.

The move that was made by the State Water Right Board at their meeting previously and railroaded through the above mentioned meeting gave the upper valley one half of the service at one tenth the cost when they put one man in the upper valley and one man in the lower valley. Before we had two men in the lower valley and the upper valley received one seventh of the service.

Mr. Berghout has always given us the very best of service. He was always available to us at any time night or day. He was always on top of every situation, knowing what was going on at all times. Mr. Berghout did an excellent job, and the way the States Water Rights Board dismissed him was, in my opinion, very underhanded and was done to favor the people in the upper valley at the expense of the people in the lower valley.

The above mentioned move made by the State of Utah Water Rights Board was unfair, unjust and discriminating.

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WHY WOULD A NINE MEMBER BOARD REPRESENTING SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING AS WATER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA HAVE FOUR MEMBERS IN THE UPPER VALLEY WITH ONE TENTH THE ACREAGE AND FOUR MEMBERS IN THE LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTING NINE TENTHS THE ACREAGE AND THE OTHER MEMBER IN SALT LAKE CITY??????

A few years ago a very wise man in our water system said, "if the lower valley did not guard their rights very faithfully that we would lose some of our rights to the upper valley". Is this a move in that direction??? THIS IS MY CONCERN. It appears to me that this is a move in that direction and I believe this requires investigation and change. I believe the people in the lower valley need more representation so that the move made by the State Board to favor a few people at the cost of the many can not take place.

I am reading this letter to our stockholders annual meeting tonight and making it a part of our minutes.

Cordially yours,



C Nick Baker

President, Lynne Irrigation Company

CC: Scott M. Matheson, Governor
Temple A. Reynolds, Executive Director