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September 16, 2010

Jaymie Gull, Water Commissioner  
Parowan Distribution System  
P.O. Box 1078  
Parowan, UT 84761

Re: Changes in the Parowan Distribution System Water Commissioner Position

Dear Jaymie:

The regulation of water use in the Parowan Distribution System has historically been handled through the measurement and monitoring of water pumped by each of the water users in the distribution system. As you are well aware, the ability to measure water in the Parowan Distribution System has been severely limited because of the lack of functional water meters.

For many years, the Division of Water Rights has been planning to shift the regulation of water use in the Parowan area from a basis of water measurement to a basis of measurement and regulation of irrigated land. In the summer of 2009, the Division began the process of updating the water rights maps in the Parowan area and bringing water users into compliance with the irrigated area limitations of their water rights.

This effort, which was necessary before the transition could be made to irrigated-area based regulation, has been completed. We are planning to commence regulation by irrigated area in the Parowan area in 2011.

The skills that will be required for the water commissioner to successfully regulate water use on the basis of irrigated acreage will be significantly different than those that have been required in the past on the Parowan Distribution System. The new required skill set will include an understanding of the principles of land measurement and mapping; an understanding of the principles of GIS mapping and a proficient ability to use ARCVIEW GIS mapping software, and an intermediate level mastery of the Excell Spreadsheet program.

These skills certainly could be acquired through appropriate college-level course work, however, it is doubtful they could be acquired before the start of the 2011 irrigation season when the new regulation procedures will be implemented. Therefore, we regretfully inform you that your appointment as water commissioner for the Parowan Distribution System will be terminated at the distribution system's 2011 annual meeting.



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You will continue as the water commissioner until that meeting and will be expected to complete the tasks required by position, including the completion of the 2010 water commissioners report for the Parowan Distribution System.

This notice of agency action is being issued pursuant to UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE R655-15-7(11)(f) and the requirements of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act and specifically UTAH CODE ANNOTATED §63G-4-203 and UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE R655-6-5.

We sincerely appreciate the service you have given over the past few years as the Parowan Distribution System water commissioner and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact me by phone at 801-538-7380 or by email at [LeeSim@utah.gov](mailto:LeeSim@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee H. Sim". The signature is stylized and written over the printed name.

Lee H. Sim, P.E.

Assistant State Engineer for Field Services

cc: Kurt Vest, Regional Engineer  
Sam Halterman, Chairman – Parowan Distribution System