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Dear Water Users:

Re: Uinta River Storage Schedule-
Special Order

In 1989 several questions arose among water users on the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers and a request was made to the State Engineer to research the rights and determine the priorities of the major storage facilities on the two rivers. The Division of Water Rights prepared a proposed schedule of storage priorities and held a hearing concerning it on April 27, 1990. Modifications were made and the schedule of storage priorities was issued as an order on August 30, 1990. Requests for reconsideration were received and a reconsidering hearing was held on October 10, 1990. After the hearing, an amended order was prepared and issued which, in the State Engineer's opinion, represents an accurate description of the storage rights on the two rivers.

The amended order has been appealed by both the Whiterocks Irrigation Company and Ouray Park Irrigation Company because of the priority dates indicated for some of the Ouray Park Irrigation Company storage rights. It is now apparent the dispute over priority dates cannot be resolved or adjudicated by the State Engineer's distribution order. Therefore, this special order is hereby issued to ~~withdraw~~ the Uinta River storage schedule order and amended order dated August 30, 1990 and October 15, 1990 respectively. The storage schedule order will remain withdrawn until such time as the priority issues between the two companies can be resolved through the judicial process. The State Engineer will then revisit the matter and may issue a new order to implement the Court's decision.

Sincerely,

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