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MR RON DUNCAN, PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATED WATER USERS
UINTA AND LAKE FORK RIVERS
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Dear Mr. Duncan:

Re: Appointment of Commissioner

Several months ago I talked to you on the telephone concerning the effort to have the Uinta and Lake Fork commissioner appointed as a river commissioner by the State Engineer. It was your feeling that the major problems in the area had subsided and there was no further need for state assistance in resolving the distribution problems in your area.

Since that time we have had several requests for assistance from the commissioner, Bill Christensen. These requests have not involved major issues, but it has made me think again about whether Bill should become a state appointed commissioner. I would like you and your board to re-consider that question.

Having a state appointed commissioner in the area would not change the way Bill has operated the river system. The only difference probably would be in the handling and accounting of system funds which would be done by our office. However, having Bill appointed as a state commissioner would give us the authority to assist him when problems do arise. Having him in place as a state commissioner would save time if a major problem did come up because we wouldn't have to go through the process to have him appointed and a smooth working relationship would have already been developed.

Please talk with your board and get back with me with your thoughts on this issue. Please contact me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Sim, P. E.
Assistant State Engineer
for Distribution/Adjudication

LHS:bd

cc: Bob Leake

1991 PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHEET

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	1990 AMOUNT BUDGETED	1990 AMOUNT EXPENDED	1990 ITEM BALANCE	1991 PROPOSED BUDGET

Commissioner: Bill Christensen					
1	---->SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
2	---->SOCIAL SECURITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
3	---->RETIREMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
4	---->TRAVEL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____

9	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
10	BONDING EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
11	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
12	OFFICE & SUPPLIES EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
13	SECRETARIAL EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
14	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
15	COMMITTEE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
16	ANNUAL REPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
17	EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
18	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____

1990 BUDGETARY TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
1990 SYSTEM ASSESSMENT:		\$0.00			

Meeting 3/12/91

- Resolution to pursue state appointment of Commissioner as soon as MOU is approved by Tribe. Lynn Hansen feels this could be within the next week or two.
- Resolution ~~for~~ authorizing chairman ~~to~~ Associated Water Users to sign MOU if they don't find any problems with it - after exploration of changes they generally agreed but wanted to review it.
- Secretary will send copy of minutes.
- Once we have notice of MOU being agreed to we will contact Bill for transfer of funds to state and set ~~set~~ budget up as ~~to~~ start payments from the state. Get info. to Bill right away so we can get him set up as soon after agreement as possible.