

April 10, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Allred, Chairman,
Executive Committee,
Water Users Association,
Roosevelt, Utah.

Dear Mr. Allred:

Re: Uintah Dist.

I have your letter of April 9 and regret that a hearing which I must hold at Provo next Tuesday will prevent my being at your meeting on Monday.

After careful consideration of the complications involved in this situation my definite position is that I must carry out my duties as State Engineer. As to the legal questions involved, I feel I should recognize the Act of Congress which provides that the water supplied to the Indians was "appropriated under the laws of the state of Utah," and also that the ditches and canals may be used "under and upon compliance with the provisions of the laws of Utah."

Should request come to me from the Executive Committee for the appointment of a water commissioner I shall comply with such request. As a practical matter the Committee must bear in mind the possibility of the Indian Service refusing to share in the compensation and expense of the commissioner. Whoever is recommended as commissioner must be apprised of this condition. On the other hand I still have hopes that, at least for operations during the present season, matters will not come to a break between the Indian Service and the white users.

Yours very truly,

State Engineer.

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