March 10, 1931.

Lakefork Irrigation Company,
Oscar Nelson, Secy.,
Upalco, Utah.

Gentlemen:

RE: UINTAH DIST.

I have your letter of March 7 with reference to irrigation of acreage not covered by applications owned by yourself.

The strict interpretation of the law would require that all land under the canals of a corporation be covered by some filing owned by the corporation. On the other hand it is the experience of every corporation that the water must be shifted around to a certain extent upon lands under its canals and so it has become more or less common practice not to insist on a strictly technical compliance of the law.

I believe this matter has come up in the past with reference to the over-lapping of water supply between your company and the Dry Gulch Irrigation Company. As it is a practical impossibility to be making and putting through change applications each year I have suggested to the Dry Gulch Irrigation Company that it proceed to get certificate right and that later on the conflict could, perhaps, be adjusted by exchange of stock.

As a general proposition it might be well for an irrigation company to review its situation, say, every five years and at such periods perhaps readjust the acreage to move the water from land that is permanently bad over on to better acreage.

Yours very truly,

State Engineer.

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