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Mr. Louis Jones
First District Judge
County Courthouse
Brigham City, Utah

Dear Judge Jones:

Re: Box Elder County General
Determination, George
Creek Division.

This letter is in the nature of a report of progress since the hearing in Brigham City, Utah, on December 4, 1956, and a prognosis for the next twelve months, together with certain tentative recommendations.

During the past summer the field work has been completed in the surveying of the irrigated acreage and the points of diversion within the George Creek drainage area. During the next several months the maps will be prepared and compiled from this survey data and the property owners ascertained from the county records; and preliminary water users claims can then be made ready. A general meeting of all of the water users to discuss problems of priority, acreage and interests would be followed by individual meetings with each water user to secure his claim of right of use. The dates of April 30, 1958, and May 1, 1958, have been set, but only tentatively, and an actual notice of time and place will reach each user at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

In addition to the above a special study will be made as to the conservative use of water by the brush now lining the banks of the various stream channels and ditches in order that we may make specific recommendations as to the nature and the extent of channel and ditch clearing that should be undertaken on this water source.

Extensive studies have been made and many measurements taken during the past summer in order to determine the transmission losses that occur in the channels and ditches and canals here involved. These studies and measurements confirm the need for headgates and measuring devices on all diversions; but caution should be exercised and no new headgate or measuring device should be installed until the representatives of the State

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Engineer shall have been notified and until both the type and place of installation shall have received their specific approbation.

A need for as much information as can be supplied by the water commissioners has been relayed to them and their full support assured; and the water users have been advised that the rotation system appears desirable at least during periods of low water. It is not felt, however, that a specific recommendation in this respect should be made until further investigations and studies have been completed.

All of the above was explained in some detail to a meeting of the water users held in Yost, Utah, on Wednesday, September 25, 1957, at which meeting eleven of a probable fifteen or sixteen users were present. In addition to the undersigned, Messrs. Lambert, Harroth and Donaldson of the State Engineer's office, were also in attendance. At this meeting Messrs. Davenport and Spencer agreed to act as commissioners for an ensuing twelve month period, and all present agreed to a continuing distribution pattern on the same terms and in the same amounts and in the same manner as covered by and contained in your Order of December 4, 1956. It is not felt that any further action is required of the Court at this time other than to make this letter a part of the file.

Both this office and the office of the State Engineer sincerely hope and trust that the procedure followed and proposed will meet with the approval of the Court, of counsel and of all the water users.

Very truly yours

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