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Mr. Kent L. Jones, State Engineer  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
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Re: Protest of EID Change Applications for Water Right 57-7796

Dear Mr. Jones:

When the EID initiated their quest to gobble up the water and water rights in the canyon, working as the agent for the Boyer Company and Emigration Oaks subdivision, my late husband and I became alarmed at what was about to unfold. We attended virtually all of the Board of Trustees meetings starting in 2001. We let our concerns be known vociferously (see minutes of the meetings for those years, and the ensuing joke of an Environmental Assessment). We were pretty much ignored, but given assurances that 1. Participation was voluntary, 2. Only those choosing to participate would pay for the system, and 3. There would be no impact on either our own personal well or the stream flow.

None of those assurances turned out to be true. We were threatened with a "Scarlet Letter" on our property records at the county, intended to scare us for future resale of our home; I am now being billed for a fire hydrant we neither wanted nor needed; and most significantly, my well is experiencing quantity and quality issues.

Our 240 ft. well (water right #57-7847, priority date 4/24/1967) has always had some iron bacterium but it was managed easily with an occasional flushing and the installation of a 5 micron filter. The filter was changed every 5-6 weeks, but beginning in the spring of 2014 this was no longer sufficient. The filter was lasting only two weeks, and flushing took longer. At some expense, I had a second, 20 micron filter canister installed. Where flushing the well used to be a full pressure operation that could last half a day if needed, it will now lose its pressure after just 90 minutes. Quality and quantity have seriously declined. I laugh at myself now for believing Mr. Barnett's assurance that our well was "in a different aquifer" from the wells they were proposing.

Additionally, the creek that flows in my front yard was fouled when the EID contractor installed the pipeline crossing the creek. The reduced water in the creek no longer provides habitat for the trout that used to regularly appear there.

I respectfully request that your agency act to deny the EID further theft of my water.

Sincerely,

  
Margot McCallum

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