



City Of Heppner

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to Mr. John Kilkenny's application to transfer his use of an irrigation water right so the water may be used to supply construction for the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East (WREFE.)

Per OAR 690-507-0090 Section 3-C, due to Mr. Kilkenny's well being within a five-mile radius of a municipal well, the applicant must receive an affirmation that the affected city is in favor of the proposed appropriation. The wells are approximately 3.2 miles apart. The City of Heppner has a Water System Master Plan (WSMP,) dated 2002. The City of Heppner is in the final development stages of a new Water System Master Plan, with a completed/accepted/certified date expected no later than December 31, 2024. (WSMP development schedule was delayed due to COVID-19.)

The City of Heppner consulted Anderson Perry, our engineer completing our Water System Master Plan, as to any affect this well usage may have to the City of Heppner's "Well #2." Their research concluded, *"Ultimately, Mr. Kilkenny is proposing to use less than his existing water right. Additionally, the two wells are approximately 3.2 miles apart. It is my opinion that Mr. Kilkenny would have to use a significant amount of water to influence the City's Well No. 2."*

The City of Heppner is in favor of Mr. Kilkenny's application. Please feel free to reach out if there are questions.

Sincerely,

John Doherty
City Manager

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