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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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July 7, 2015

Gary Ransom
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PO Box 2308
Pasco, WA 99302

RE: Trust Water Donation Application Numbers CS4-16571(A1) and CS4-16571(A1)@1

Dear Mr. Ransom:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the Department of Ecology's acceptance of your donations to the Washington State Trust Water Rights Program. The trust water right applications have been assigned numbers CS4-16571(A1) and CS4-16571(A1)@1. Please refer to these numbers when corresponding with us about these trust water donations. Since both of these donations are on Superseding Surface Water Permit, S4-16571(A1) they will be considered as a combined donation with the specific quantities and locations listed below:

CS4-16571(A1)

The seasonal donated quantity of 778 acre-feet of water will result from the practice of crop rotation under several center pivots all located within Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 6N., Range 26E.W.M., being a portion of the place of use for Surface Water Permit No. S4-16571(A1), Benton County. The donated water will benefit the Columbia River.

It must be noted that Sections 22 and 27 of Township 6N., Range 26E.W.M. were mistakenly omitted from the place of use for Superseding Surface Water Permit No. S4-16571(A1). The final Certificate of Water Right resulting from this superseding permit is intended to include Sections 22 and 27 as the original permit's (CS4-16571P) place of use did.

CS4-16571(A1)@1

The seasonal donated quantity of 1,885 acre-feet of water will result from the practice of crop rotation under several center pivots all located within Sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, Township 7N., Range 27E.W.M., being a portion of the place of use for Surface Water Permit No. S4-16571(A1), Benton County. The donated water will benefit the Columbia River.



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The combined total donation of 2,663 acre-feet is for the 2015 irrigation season and will expire on December 31, 2015.

RCW 90.42.080 provides in part that the total of any portion of the water right remaining with the donor plus the donated portion of the water right may not exceed the extent to which the water right was exercised during the five years before the donation.

In accordance with RCW 90.42.040(6), RCW 90.14.140(h) and RCW 90.14.215, a water right is not subject to relinquishment while it is managed within the Trust Water Right Program.

Ecology's acceptance of the donated water right into the Trust Water Right Program is not evidence of the validity or quantity of the right. When the period of trust ends, the donated water right will revert back to the water right holder or landowner. To the extent that the donated water right represents a valid water right, the water right holder or landowner may resume exercising the right in a manner consistent with the original purpose(s).

If, prior to the expiration of this temporary donation, you would like to extend the temporary donation, please send us a written request. Also, if you wish to modify any terms of your donation, your letter must include the new terms. Ecology will review your request and any modified terms and conditions and will notify you whether the donation can be extended or terminated.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Columbia River's Trust Water Coordinator, Patricia Kirk, by phone at (509) 249-6299 or by e-mail at patricia.kirk@ecy.wa.gov.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503</p> <p>Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW Ste 301 Tumwater, WA 98501</p>	<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608</p> <p>Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p>

*For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>
To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>*

Sincerely,



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Operations Manager
Office of Columbia River

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cc: Philip Rigdon, Director, Natural Resources Division, Yakama Nation

By certified mail: 7009 2250 0004 4950 2209