

farm ground in question has not been fully developed and there is no way the Division of Water Rights, the Division of Natural Resources, the Division of Wildlife Resources and/or others can know at this point just how much this will affect the dynamic of the Green River in this area.

We ask that the applicant reasonably demonstrate that our water right will not be impaired in any way by the requested change, after all proposed farm ground development near the town of Green River is completed, and that the State Engineer with-hold approval until then. If it is demonstrated that our water right may be impaired by the application, we ask that the State Engineer reject the application as required by Utah law. Utah Code Ann. §73-3-8 (1) (b) (ii).

Interfere with the more beneficial use of the water

The referenced change application does not specify who will benefit from the power generated by the proposed nuclear power plant. We've heard that the power could be sold out of state. If that's the case, then the water use may not be very beneficial for the state of Utah. The State Engineer oversees the state's water resources and has the ability to distinguish between more and less beneficial uses of Utah public's water: "the proposed use will not ...interfere with the more beneficial use of the water." Utah Code Ann. §73-3-8 (1) (a) (ii).

We ask that if you approve this change application that you consider making approval contingent upon the power being sold within the state of Utah. If the power could potentially be sold outside of Utah, we would ask that you consider uses such as ours, that support ranching and agriculture, to be a more beneficial use than power production for out-of-state users.

Unreasonably affect public recreation or the natural stream environment, and detriment to public welfare

We believe such a large water depletion could jeopardize the natural stream environment. The water consumption by the nuclear power plant would further reduce flows during low-flow

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