LOVELAND, COLORADO  
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REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDERING AND DELIVERING "EXCHANGE" WATERS

AND

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No written confirmation of delivery orders will be required so long as no question arises as to the accuracy or validity of any order accepted by the District. The District reserves the right to require that orders be submitted or confirmed in writing should such verification be required."

Section 2 - Item (7) (b) BIG THOMPSON RIVER:
"Due to the necessity of planning in advance the integrated operations of the project's power and water delivery system at Flatiron Power & Pumping Plant, delivery orders requiring changes in flow at the Big Thompson delivery point must reach the District office by 3:00 p.m. of any day in order to effect the change at 7:00 a.m. the following day."

EXCHANGE WATERS: Colorado General Statutes - 1963, Section 148-5-3 relative to the required giving of "Notice of Release of Stored Water" states:

"Notice of release of stored waters. - The owners of reservoirs who avail themselves of the provisions of this section and section 148-5-2 shall give reasonable prior notice to the irrigation division engineer of the irrigation division in which the reservoir is located or to the chief administrative water official of such irrigation division, of the date on which they desire to release stored waters into any natural streams, together with the quantity thereof in cubic feet per second of time, the length of period to be covered by such releases, and the name of the ditch, canal, pipeline or reservoir to which the water so released from storage is to be delivered, to the end that the water officials in responsible charge of any stream into which such stored water is released shall have ample time in which to make the necessary observations, measurements of flow and storage and records thereof, and to provide for a proper patrol of said stream whose interests might be affected as a result of such reservoir release. (Such notice may be given to the water commissioner when the reservoir from which the water is to be released and the point where the water is to be taken from the stream or again stored are in the same water district.)"

SOURCE: L. 35, p. 639 #72; CSA, C. 90, #81; CRS 53, #147-5-3

In compliance with the above requirements and rules as set forth by the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District governing the ordering and use of Colo B.T. project water; and the Colorado statute requiring giving "Reasonable Prior Notice" to the proper Water Commissioner to begin, to change, or to terminate reservoir water exchanges with the respective involved river; and, in recognition of the critical urgency of administering the States Waters with the highest practical efficiency and the least waste; the Water Commissioner of Division I, specifically responsible for the division of waters of the Big Thompson and Little Thompson Rivers, must be notified of the request and intent by any qualified Ditch Company to exchange water with the Big Thompson River at least 24 hours in advance of the actual beginning of such exchange. Exceptions to the necessary 24-hour notice may be made if in the judgment of the Water Commissioner, unavoidable emergency conditions warrant such exceptions.

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(Signed) Lloyd J. Bland
Water Commissioner
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Water Commissioner