#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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**To:** APPROVED WELL TESTERS

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**SUBJECT:** AMENDED RULES GOVERNING THE MEASUREMENT OF TRIBUTARY GROUND WATER DIVERSIONS LOCATED

IN THE ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN (AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULES)

♠ Revised Variance Policies – Effective April 11, 2008

♦ REVISED MEASUREMENT FORMS - EFFECTIVE APRIL 11, 2008

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES, DIVISION 2** has updated and revised the Variance Policies for the Amended Rules Governing the Measurement of Tributary Ground Water Diversions Located in the Arkansas River Basin (Amended Measurement Rules). Most of the updates and revisions are minor in nature.

Below is a listing of <u>ALL CURRENT MEASUREMENT RULE VARIANCE POLICIES</u>. All previous Policies are hereby revoked and replaced in their entirety by the POLICIES listed below and accompanying this document. **ALL PREVIOUS POLICIES are void**, whether or not replaced, **AS OF THE ABOVE EFFECTIVE DATE**.

Also accompanying this document are updated and revised <u>Measurement Forms</u>. These Forms replace previously-issued Measurement Forms; all Previous Measurement Forms are hereby revoked and replaced in their entirety. **ALL Previous Measurement Forms are void**, whether or not replaced, **as of the above Effective Date** 

VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR CIRCUMSTANCES NOT ADDRESSED BY MEASUREMENT RULE POLICIES

RULE 11 of the AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULES STATES:

When the strict application of any provisions of these rules would cause unusual hardship, the State Engineer <u>may grant a variance for a specific instance</u> provided a written request for the variance is made to the State Engineer and the State Engineer finds the request justifiable.

If a Specific Instance would cause unusual hardship to the Owner/User of a Well/Meter, an Individual Variance Request <u>must be submitted to Division 2 prior to testing, certifying or rating the METER(s).</u> An Individual Variance Request must be signed by the Owner/User of the Well.

### **MEASUREMENT RULE POLICIES**

#### MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2007-03.0A

- ♦ ALLOWABLE VARIANCE TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3
  - HOUR MFTERS
- Significant Changes:
  - The use of Hour Meters will be phased out over the next two years.

# MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2008-03.0B

- ♦ ALLOWABLE VARIANCE TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3
  - PRIVATELY-OWNED ELECTRIC METERS (AKA SLAVE METER)
- Significant Changes:
  - The use of SLAVE METERS will be phased out over the next two years.

## MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2008-03.1A

- CLARIFICATIONS TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3.1
  - TOTALIZING FLOW METERS:
    - EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION AND REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF TFMS
    - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

# MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2008-03.1B

- ♦ CLARIFICATION AND VARIANCE TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3.1
  - Totalizing Flow Meter Correction Factors (Field Calibration)
- Significant Changes:
  - Increased restrictions on use of Correction Factors for TFMs

## MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2008-03.1C

- ♦ CLARIFICATION AND VARIANCE TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3.1:
  - TOTALIZING FLOW METER TESTING FREQUENCY

## MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2006-03.2A

- ♦ ALLOWABLE VARIANCE TO AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3.2:
  - SYSTEM STABILIZATION

# MEASUREMENT RULE POLICY 2008-03.2B

- ♦ CLARIFICATION OF AMENDED MEASUREMENT RULE 3.2:
  - PCC Re-RATING FREQUENCY

#### MEASUREMENT FORMS

FORM 3.1	NOTICE OF TOTALIZ	IG FLOW METER	RE-VERIFICATION,	Installation or I	REPLACEMENT
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FORM 3.2 ...... NOTICE OF POWER CONSUMPTION COEFFICIENT RATING OR RE-RATING

FORM 7 ......NOTICE OF INACTIVATION

FORM 7.1 ......Notice of Reactivation

FORM 11 ...... REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM AMENDED RULES GOVERNING THE MEASUREMENT OF TRIBUTARY

GROUND WATER DIVERSIONS LOCATED IN THE ARKANSAS RIVER

If you have questions about this document or any of the attached Measurement Rule Policies and Measurement Forms, contact Division 2 Ground Water Operations at 719.542.3368: Dan DiRezza (Ext. 2202), Dale Baker (Ext. 2121) or Chris Lytle (Ext. 2108).