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Dear Mr. Anderson:

On August 1, 2008, proposed rule R655-16 was advertised in the *Utah Digest* with comments due on September 2, 2008. On August 26, 2008, John H. Mabey, Jr., on behalf of several interested parties, requested an extension of the comment period by at least 60 days.

On August 27, 2008, that request was granted and the comment period was extended to November 3, 2008. In addition, a hearing on the proposed rule was scheduled for September 16, 2008. Thirty-five individuals representing 28 different organizations attended that hearing.

As of the close of business on November 3, 2008, the Division has received 25 comments representing the views of at least 74 organizations and individuals.

As State Engineer, I am very gratified at the amount of interest shown in this issue. My staff and I are in the process of reviewing the comments received. Given the nature and scope of those comments, we are revising and will re-publish the proposed rule when we believe the concerns have been addressed.

As this rule making effort continues, I look forward to your continued participation in the process and any future input you believe is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, PE
State Engineer

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