So here I am running behind as I'll bet most of you understand. For me, it has been a busy last few months trying to get organized and keep up with new things that are happening. It has been suggested that I talk a little about the lack of snow and how everyone needs more wells and water, and it could not have come at a better time. We have lost many drillers to age and with the economy lately we all could use a little help.

I for one am glad to hear from the engineers, hydrologists, drillers and pump guys, that we all seem to be working a little more in Utah. I also want to send my heart felt concerns and prayers to those that are having more than normal problems (health or otherwise) and to those families who have had loved ones pass. I hope things look up for them and their families.

There are some things I would like to talk about even though it might put me in the dog house with some. First, this is your association, if you choose to participate in it, but you must at least show some interest though. Why do we have an association? For me, it is being heard that matters. There are 2.9 million people in Utah and maybe one hundred drillers. We as drillers make up less than 0.004% of the population. The whole of the Utah’s voting population vote in some way to regulate us, and if you try to be one driller alone, your vote won’t be a drop in the well. Together, we can at least make a little noise. Now I’m not sure we always make the right noise, but at least we try to have a voice for you all. It is also a place to network knowledge and friendships, and understand each other a little more. We find new suppliers and sometimes meet the competition, and surprisingly, we might even make friends. But one thing is for sure, in some way, without much effort, you can always walk away with a lot.

Now, if you have been a part of us for a while, you know like any large group, we haven’t always agreed over the years. This has caused growth and dissolution, and we have reorganized and went again several times. This last time it was simply the lack of keeping active with the state. This was found out when we decided to employ a part time secretary that turned into a management position, which then made it possible to grow in many ways. For some it has been bad and others good, and again, there are many who would like to see it go backwards, while others forward. I have heard everything from

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as little as “let’s go back to just electing those that can afford to pay their secretary or has a wife willing to do all the work for free”, or the extreme of splitting the association to north and south. I do not believe either of these options are good for any of us.

The other thing that seems to come up every year is the scholarship fund for the children of association members. This is a touchy subject for many reasons. In the 10 years I’ve been on the board the scholarship meetings have turned into the longest meetings in the last few years and with the most tension; mostly for a couple of reasons that are continually discussed over and over again. This seems to be ok with those on the board who only drive 20 minutes, or only come to one meeting, and have not heard it before, but for those who have been on the board for multiple years, it gets tiring to go over and over the same argument every time.

In the current bylaws it states the Scholarship fund is supposed to go to those who have a “financial need” and meet the other qualifications. Some want to keep it this way and say it is up to the member to be honest with the need part.

The change that is being debated is to remove this phrase (financial need), so our donations to the scholarship fund would then simply be a prize in a competition, and that the board should have no control on changing the amount going to each winning applicant. For an example, over the years the scholarship fund has varied according to the amount of funds available. Most years lately, we have been blessed to have ample funds to give large scholarships to all the qualified applicants. Each of these applicants have a sponsoring member, who in my opinion, is equally entitled to apply, and if qualified, receive some of these funds. In the past, we (as a board) have adjusted the amount of the scholarships from $500 to $2000, based on amount of funds available. Lately, because of the number of applicants, we have also amended these bylaws to allow us to adjust the amount of the scholarships, so that all qualified applicants can receive some help. We have kept the phrase “financial need” in the bylaws for many years, because we are part of the five states association, and it’s based on their tradition of donating to those in financial need.

The other reason is, all of us on the board try to distance ourselves from awarding the scholarships, so as to be fair. The discussion brought up by the same board member every year is that we should use your donations to fund this as a competition, only with “financial need” having no bearing. I have often mentioned that this should be brought up at our annual meeting or at the scholarship fundraiser, so that those who are donating will have more of a say in where their money goes. However, this suggestion to the member never seems to materialize until the scholarship meeting of the board, and over it again we go, without your input. This is YOUR group. You have voted for your board members. This is your money donated to the scholarship fund. How do you want it spent? For all those in need, and who qualifies? Or for those who after receiving full ride scholarships elsewhere, and parents who have the money to send their kids anywhere, receiving our hard earned donations. Make your voice heard, and your money speak.

The other topic needing to be participated in is communication. Many on the board, and now some members, feel we keep too much from you. I think most, if not all (including myself), agree to welcome all of your input and wish for more real participation from all. But I can tell you, to the small one to five guy operations out there, this is the only place your voice can be heard in our industry, and if you don’t speak up and keep ahold of what little we have, there will only be the big guys here hoping to weed you out one by one. Get on-line, voice your thought, ideas, and feelings now. You may have an opportunity in the future to
listen to our meetings and see who is representing you the way you want, and who is not. If you do get this opportunity, take it. Use it for your benefit. Big government didn't go bad from the top, it starts at you, the voter, so participate. Be part of something you can say you care about. Please understand, this is my opinion and though I might be in the dog house with some, I fight just as hard for them to have the right to voice their opinion also. My only desire is that all of you have a right to hear and be heard and that all be respected in their opinion. Thank you for reading this. I appreciate the time on my soap box because I care and I know you do too. Make your voice heard.

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Over the past year at continuing education seminars including UGWA Mesquite/Moab, Water Rights SLC, and IGWA Pocatello, The Division of Water Rights has presented and discussed potential updates and clarifications to the Administrative Rules for Water Wells (R655-4 UAC). Most of these proposals have come about as a result of suggestions and recommendations from licensed drillers and pump installers. During the seminar presentations, many valid comments were received and incorporated. The rule updates proposed are still very much in the draft stage, so we are still requesting feedback, comments, and suggestions for the proposals below, as well as any new rule calcifications/changes. The official administrative rule revision process will likely start later this year after all comments have been received and incorporated. A brief listing of proposed changes is included below. Questions, comments and suggestions related to the proposed revisions of the Administrative Rules for Water Wells can be directed to Jim Goddard of the Division of Water Rights (jimgoddard@utah.gov or 801-538-7314).

**R655-4-11.4.3.1 Temporary Surface Casing Removal:** It is proposed that the ambiguous language regarding removal of surface casing and the provisions for leaving unsealed surface casing in place be clarified. The rule language will be simplified by stating that surface casing must be properly sealed in place or removed.

**R655-4-11.4.2.2 Bentonite Grout Recipe:** Based on the Nebraska Grout Study and our own observations/testing, the current 20% solids bentonite grout recipe is inadequate especially in the vadose zone. It is proposed that the bentonite grout recipe be modified to include at least a 4:1 sand/bentonite mix to allow for better stability and increased solids content. The new mix must still contain at least 20% solids active bentonite. A 4:1 bentonite grout mix meeting this minimum standard would include a mix of 200 lbs. sand, 50 lbs. bentonite, and no more than 24 gallons water. The upper mix limit would be 8:1; that is not more than 400 lbs. sand per 50 lbs. bentonite with water.

**R655-4-11.4.1.1 Cement With Plastic Casing:** It is proposed that a provision be added that restricts the use of cement type grouts with PVC/HDPE casing. It has been shown that the heat of hydration can damage plastic casing. Moreover, it has also been shown that due to expansion-contraction of the plastic casing during heat of hydration, a micro-annulus can form between the plastic casing and cement after the cement sets up and hardens and the plastic casing contracts as it cools. This can allow a contamination migration pathway into the well from the surface. Also, the bond between cement and plastic casing is weaker than the bond between cement and steel casing.

**R655-4-11.4.6.1 Casing Cut-Off During Abandonment:** It is proposed that the requirement of cutting an abandoned well’s casing off two-feet below ground be relaxed. This requirement was put in place when most wells were agriculture-related where there was a need to cut the casing off below the cultivation zone. In many cases, this requirement no longer applies, and so the cut-off depth would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**R655-4-3.9.2 Surety Bond Effective Period:** It is proposed that the surety bonding requirements be clarified such that the effective period of the bond matches exactly the 2-year licensing period of the licensee. This will eliminate the chance of a bond expiring in the middle of a licensing period which can jeopardize the status of the licensee.

**R655-4-11.2.4.2 Use of 4-inch PVC Casing:** Currently the rules allow Sch40/SDR21 4-inch PVC casing in wells. Anything larger than 4-inch nominal casing would need to be Sch80/SDR17. The original intent of this rule was to allow small diameter non-production wells such as monitoring wells to utilized Sch40/SDR21 casing.
However, there is an increasing frequency of the use of 4-inch Sch40/SDR21 PVC casing in production wells, which was never the intent of this rule. In fact, with the increase use of this casing, we are seeing more and more failed 4-inch PVC production wells. It is proposed that the rule be revised to only allow 4-inch or smaller Sch40/SDR21 casing in non-production wells. Production wells would be required to have Sch80/SDR17 casing or thicker.

R655-4-1.2 Allowed Regulated Activities by License: With the inclusion of two licensing types, Well Driller and Pump Installer, it has become necessary to clarify the regulatory roles of each classification and define under which circumstances a well log and/or pump log be submitted. In other words, it is necessary to define what regulated activities each licensing category is authorized to do. Presently, regulated activities include drilling, construction, development, testing, pump installation/repair, cleaning, disinfection, deepening, repairing, renovating, and well abandonment. A well driller’s license shall be able to perform drilling, construction, development (except with a pump), testing, cleaning, disinfection, deepening, repairing, renovating, and well abandonment. A licensed driller shall submit a well log following performance of these regulated activities on a well. Alternatively, if the only activity on a well by a well driller includes development, testing, cleaning, disinfection, a pump log can be submitted instead of a well log. A separate abandonment log is required for stand-alone well abandonment activity. If a newly drilled/constructed well fails and needs to be abandoned, the abandonment details can be included on the well log report and a separate abandonment log is not needed. A pump installer’s license shall be able to perform pump development, testing, pump installation/repair, cleaning, and disinfection. A licensed pump installer shall submit a pump log following performance of these regulated activities on a well. A pump log does not need to be submitted if disinfection is the only activity on the well. Regarding this issue, we are requesting feedback regarding pitless adapter installation. Installing a pitless adapter obviously requires modification to the well casing itself. The question is...should a pump installer be allowed to install a pitless adapter in the well casing?

R655-4-4.1 When is a Renovate Permit Required?: Previous to pump installer licensing, a renovate permit was required anytime regulated activity was performed on an existing well. Regulated activity related to a renovate permit included deepening, repair, renovation, cleaning, development, testing, and disinfection. In order to obtain a renovate permit, a renovate application needed to be filed with the Division of Water Rights. Upon approval of the application, an approval letter and start cards would be issued to the applicant, and the licensed driller would need to submit the start cards before the work and a well log following the work. With the recent promulgation of pump installation rules and processes, the policy regarding when and for what a renovate permit is needed has been modified. Now, a renovate permit is needed only when the well itself will be modified which includes activities such as deepening, casing/seal/gravel pack repair/renovation, liner installation, pitless adapter/unit installation, and perforating/screen installation. Other regulated well activities that do not modify the well itself such as cleaning, development, testing, disinfection, and pump work are covered under the Pump Installation rule and processes, and a renovate permit is no longer required. However, this work must still be performed by a licensed well driller or pump installer and a pump log must be submitted upon completion of the regulated work. This is the present policy in the Division, and it is proposed that this policy be included in the administrative rule.
R655-4-7 Allow Enforcement Negotiation without a Hearing: With respect to well activity enforcement, when a violation occurs and is investigated and the cumulative infraction points equals or exceeds 100 points, a hearing is required. In some cases, it may not be necessary to hold a hearing if the issues of concern can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. It has been suggested that the rules be modified to allow for a pre-hearing negotiation or preliminary conference in certain circumstances. This will allow for the possibility of a stipulated agreement for which the State Engineer can issue a consent order. The consent order would allow the violations to be resolved without a hearing which could include remedial action by the licensee and/or fines.

R655-4-1.2 Pump Installer Licensing Exemption: According to well licensing statute in section 73-3-25, a person who installs or repairs a pump in a well on the person’s own property for the person’s own use is not required to obtain a pump installer’s license. We have discovered that some are too liberally interpreting what “person” means in the statute and rule in this case. The intent of the legislature in granting this exemption was to allow a home owner, farmer, or rancher to do their own pump work if they so choose. Unfortunately, we have seen other entities such as municipalities, other public water suppliers, government entities, and corporations/businesses try to use this exemption. It is proposed that the rules be clarified to define a “person” in this exemption to be an individual homeowner, rancher, or farmer, and that other entities described above would not qualify for this exemption.

R655-4-1.2 Monitoring Wells & Pump Work: An issue has been brought to our attention regarding pump-related work on monitoring wells. Should a license be required to do pump work, testing, sampling, etc., on monitoring wells? Or should an exemption be allowed for an owner/operator and/or consultant to this type of work on small 2-4 inch shallow monitoring wells?

R655-4-8.2 Allowed Continuing Education Credit: It has been proposed that we expand the scope of what is allowed as continuing education credit to include teaching well and groundwater awareness (such as at schools and/or community/public events) and providing humanitarian service/training related to wells and groundwater.

R655-4-8.2 Registered Operator Continuing Education: Currently, licensed drillers are required to obtain 12 credits of continuing education each 2-year licensing cycle. Some licensees have suggested that registered operators also be required to obtain continuing education albeit to a lesser extent such as 3 credits or 6 credits. We would appreciate your feedback on this recommendation.

R655-4-8.2 Minimum Score on Operator Exam: Presently, an applicant for operator registration is required to pass a take-home open-book exam with a score of at least 70%. Given the on-your-own and open-book nature of the exam, it is suggested that the minimum score on the operator exam be increased to 80% instead of 70%.

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