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From: Nancy Rorick <nrorick@nlr-water.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:23 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Cc: Rep Bentz
Subject: HB 2705 measurement requirements

Dear Committee,

Section 4 (on page 2, line 16) of HB 2705 requires the water user to collect daily maximum rates of diversion or appropriation. The flow meters currently approved by the OWRD do not record daily maximum rates. This requirement would create an undue burden on the water user. It would require the water user to replace existing meters with new ones that measure the daily maximum; or for the water user to make daily readings at each point of appropriation or diversion. I asked one of my clients about this. He said that it would take one full-time employee on his farm to comply with this requirement.

Also, what is the purpose of collecting the daily maximum? The maximum pumping rate is determined during the process of proving up on a water right and this information is available from the OWRD.

Sincerely,
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