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The Rajneesh Foundation will voluntarily take major steps to make its developments in the town of Antelope both attractive and self-supporting for water supply, a spokesman for the group said today.

Robert G. Davis of Salem, government representative for the Foundation, made the announcement after the Wasco County Circuit Court ruled that the Antelope City Council must issue building permits to the Foundation for commercial development in a commercial zone.

Davis said the Foundation had "completely re-done" plans for its 90 x 100-foot printing plant and offices, to give it a wood exterior and a "Western" facade that would enhance the historic aspect of the town.

Additionally, the Foundation was renewing its offer to dig its own well and supply its own water, coupled with a filtration and re-circulation system which will reduce supply requirements by "as much as 80 per cent", Davis said.

"We want our building actually to improve the town's environment, not just be another commercial structure", he said.

"And we not only don't want to burden the limited water supply of the town, we want to do what we can as good citizens to relieve the limited water situation for everyone," Davis said.

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The people of Antelope will be offered access² to the new re-circulation system, Davis said. "We have hopes that the whole town can benefit, and perhaps no longer suffer water shortages in the summer," he said.

Davis also noted that completion of the development would increase the town's assessed valuation by "about 25 per cent", probably resulting in reduced taxes for other residents.

While declaring himself "pleased" with the outcome of the legal action, Davis urged new efforts to resolve differences amicably.

"We shouldn't be in the courts on these matters except as a very last resort," he said. "Instead, we should be sitting down together, as people of good will, and working out any problems peacefully. I have every hope that we can still do this, because the people I represent wish very strongly to be good neighbors in Antelope," Davis concluded.

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