

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF
WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS
HELD BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN
FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,
BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND
TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

COME NOW, Petitioners, A&B Irrigation District (“A&B”), American Falls Reservoir District #2 (“AFRD#2”), Burley Irrigation District (“BID”), Milner Irrigation District (“Milner”), Minidoka Irrigation District (“MID”), North Side Canal Company (“NSCC”), and Twin Falls Canal Company (“TFCC”) (collectively hereafter referred to as the “Surface Water Coalition”, “Coalition”, or “SWC”), by and through their undersigned counsel, and hereby file this Petition seeking judicial review of a final agency action by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. This is a civil action pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5279 seeking judicial review of a final order issued by the Interim Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Gary Spackman, on November 30, 2010 (order denying request for reconsideration issued October 22, 2010).

2. No administrative hearing was held on this order.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This petition is authorized by Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5279.

4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 42-1701A(4) and 67-5272.

5. Venue lies in this Court pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5272 because Petitioner, TFCC does business in Twin Falls County, Idaho and certain water rights, which are the subject of the agency action, are delivered to the company's shareholders that own property located in Twin Falls County.

6. Pursuant to the Idaho Supreme Court's *Administrative Order* issued on December 9, 2009 "all petitions for judicial review of any decision regarding administration of water rights from the Department of Water Resources shall be assigned to the presiding judge of the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court of the Fifth Judicial District." The SRBA Court's procedures instruct the clerk of the district court in which the petition is filed to issue a *Notice of Reassignment*. The Coalition has attached a copy of the SRBA Court's *Notice of Reassignment* form for the convenience of the clerk.

7. The Director's November 30, 2010 *Final Order Establishing 2010 Reasonable Carryover (Methodology Steps 9)* is a final agency action subject to judicial review pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5270(3).

PARTIES

8. Petitioner, A&B Irrigation District is a duly organized irrigation district under the laws of the State of Idaho.

9. Petitioner, AFRD#2 is a duly organized reservoir district under the laws of the State of Idaho.

10. Petitioner, Burley Irrigation District is a duly organized irrigation district under the laws of the State of Idaho.

11. Petitioner, Milner Irrigation District is a duly organized irrigation district under the laws of the State of Idaho.

12. Petitioner, Minidoka Irrigation District is a duly organized irrigation district under the laws of the State of Idaho.

13. Petitioner, NSCC is a non-profit Idaho corporation organized under the laws of the State of Idaho.

14. Petitioner, TFCC is a non-profit Idaho corporation organized under the laws of the State of Idaho and conducting business in Twin Falls County.

15. Respondent, Idaho Department of Water Resources is a state agency with its main office located at 322 E. Front St., Boise, Idaho. Respondent, Gary Spackman, is the Interim Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

STATEMENT OF INITIAL ISSUES

16. The Petitioners intend to assert the following issues on judicial review:

a. Whether the Director's *Final Order* is supported by substantial evidence?

b. Whether the Director's *Final Order* complies with Idaho law and the CM Rules?

c. Whether the Director's *Final Order* complies with the Gooding County District Court's *Order on Petition for Judicial Review* (Case No. 08-551) issued on July 24, 2009 and the *Order on Petitions for Rehearing* issued on August 23, 2010?

17. Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 84(d)(5), the Coalition reserves the right to assert additional issues and/or clarify or further specify the issues for judicial review stated herein which become later discovered.

AGENCY RECORD

18. Judicial review is sought of the Director's November 30, 2010 *Final Order*.

19. No administrative hearing was held on the *Final Order*, therefore no transcript is available.

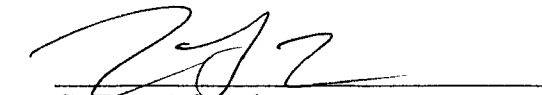
20. The Coalition anticipates that it can reach a stipulation regarding the agency record with the Respondents and the other parties, and will pay its necessary share of the fee for preparation of the record at such time.

21. Service of this Petition for Judicial Review of Agency Action has been made on the Respondents at the time of the filing of this Petition.

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DATED this 20th day of December, 2010.

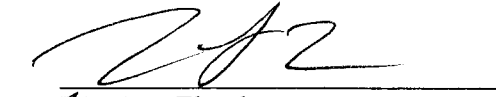
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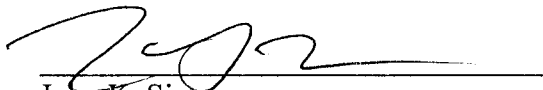
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the ___ day of December, 2010, I served true and correct copies of the *Notice of Appeal and Petition for Judicial Review of Final Agency Action* upon the following by the method indicated:

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