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BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHT NOS. 36-02551 & 36-07694 (RANGEN, INC.)

Docket No. CM-DC-2011-004
Docket No. CM-MP-2014-001
Docket No. CM-MP-2014-006

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRST MITIGATION PLAN FILED BY IGWA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHT NOS. 36-02551 & 36-07694

**IGWA's Motion to Vacate
Curtailment Order, and Request
for Expedited Decision**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FOURTH MITIGATION PLAN FILED BY IGWA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHT NOS. 36-02551 & 36-07694

Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. (IGWA), acting for and on behalf of its members, hereby moves the Director to vacate the curtailment ordered by the *Final Order Regarding Rangen, Inc.'s Petition for Delivery Call; Curtailing Ground Water Rights junior to July 13, 1962* ("Curtailment Order") issued January 29, 2014 in IDWR Docket No. CM-DC-2011-004, as amended by the *Second Amended Curtailment Order* issued November 21, 2014 in IDWR Docket Nos. CM-DC-2011-004, CM-MP-2014-001, and CM-MP-2014-006.

The Curtailment Order imposes curtailment based on the implementation of a trim line at the Great Rift. It states:

users of ground water holding consumptive water rights bearing priority dates junior to July 13, 1962, listed in Attachment C to this order, within the area of common ground water, located west of the Great Rift, and within a water district that regulates ground water, shall curtail/refrain from diversion and use of ground water pursuant to those water rights¹


On October 24, 2014, Judge Wildman reversed the Director's decision concerning the Great Rift trim line.² In addition, he ruled that the Director failed to apply the futile call doctrine.³ Accordingly, he set aside the Curtailment Order and remanded it for further proceedings.⁴ Judge Wildman's decision became effective January 16, 2015—42 days after his rehearing decision was entered—pursuant to I.R.C.P. 84(t)(2)(b).

With the Great Rift trim line gone, and with no futile call decision, the *Second Amended Curtailment Order* is ineffective. Until the Director completes remand proceedings and makes a futile call decision, the junior groundwater users identified in Attachment C to the *Second Amended Curtailment Order* no longer know whether they are subject to curtailment, junior groundwater users east of the Great Rift do not know whether they are subject to curtailment, IGWA does not know how much mitigation credit its members have (since shrinking or enlarging the zone of curtailment may affect their mitigation credit for recharge, conversions, and CREP), and IGWA does not know its current mitigation obligation to Rangen (which will also change with a change in the zone of curtailment).

Accordingly, IGWA respectfully asks the Director to vacate the *Second Amended Curtailment Order*. Since the January 19th curtailment date was yesterday, IGWA requests an expedited decision on this motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of January, 2015

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¹ Curtailment Order p. 42.

² *Memo. Decision and Order on Petitions for Judicial Review*, Twin Falls County case no. CV-2014-1338 (consolidated Gooding County case no. CV-2014-179) (Oct. 24, 2014) p. 40.

³ *Id.* at 36.

⁴ *Id.* at 42.

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