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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY, NORTH
SIDE CANAL COMPANY, A&B
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN
FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,
BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

Petitioners,

vs.

GARY SPACKMAN, in his capacity as
Director of the Idaho Department of Water
Resources, and THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT
OF WATER RESOURCES,

Respondents.

CASE NO. CV-2013-2305

**IDWR'S RESPONSE TO SURFACE
WATER COALITION'S JOINT
MOTION TO LIFT STAY**

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 Respondents, the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Gary Spackman, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (collectively referred to herein as "IDWR"), and hereby respond to the *Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion to Lift Stay/Joint Motion to Expedite* filed in this proceeding on October 29, 2013 ("Motion").

The Motion should be denied for the reasons identified in the *Department of Water Resource's Response to Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion to Lift Stay* ("Response"), filed on October 30, 2013, in the matter of Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., et al. v. Spackman, et al., in consolidated case no. CV-2010-382. IDWR's arguments in its Response are incorporated herein by this reference, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

DATED this 31ST day of October, 2013.

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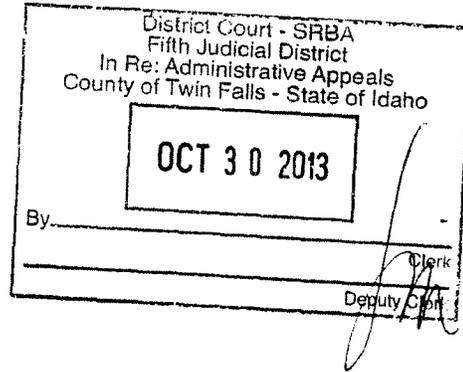
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Exhibit A

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IDAHO GROUND WATER)	Case No. CV-2010-382
APPROPRIATORS, INC.,)	
)	(consolidated Gooding County Cases CV-
Petitioners,)	2010-382, CV-2010-383, CV-2010-384, CV-
)	2010-387, CV-2010-388, and Twin Falls
vs.)	County Cases CV-2010-3403, CV-2010-5520,
)	CV-2010-5946)
CITY OF POCATELLO,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	DEPARTMENT OF WATER
)	RESOURCE'S RESPONSE TO
vs.)	SURFACE WATER COALITION'S
)	JOINT MOTION TO LIFT STAY
TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY,)	
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, A&B)	
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN)	
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 DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION)
 DISTRICT, MINDOKA IRRIGATION)
 DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL)
 COMPANY, AND TWIN FALLS CANAL)
 COMPANY)
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Gary Spackman and the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”), by and through their counsel of record, hereby submit their response to the *Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion To Lift Stay*, filed in this proceeding on October 25, 2013 (“*Motion*”).

In requesting these proceedings be stayed until the Idaho Supreme Court enters a decision on the Surface Water Coalition’s appeal, all parties (including the Surface Water Coalition) agreed that “[t]he issues on appeal in Consolidated 382 relate to the issues raised in the SWC Supreme Court Appeal,” that resolution of the Supreme Court appeal “may moot certain issues in the appeal pending in Consolidated 382,” and that “proceeding with the appeal in Consolidated 382 may result in inconsistent determinations by appellate courts on related issues in the context of the SWC Delivery Call.” *Motion For Stay* (Dec. 10, 2010), at 3. The parties also recognized that “judicial economy” supported a stay of the proceedings. *Id.* This Court in granting the parties’ request stated “[t]he parties agree that the outcome of the SWC Supreme

Court Appeal may affect the consideration and/or resolution of the *Petitions for Judicial Review.*" *Order Granting Motion For Stay* (Sep. 13, 2010), at 2.

These considerations are as valid today as they were in 2010; if anything they carry more weight because the Surface Water Coalition has initiated additional appeals of subsequent Director's orders in the delivery call proceedings. *Motion* at 3-4. The additional appeals raise issues similar or related to the issues already raised in this consolidated proceeding. Lifting the stay under these circumstances would increase the risk of similar or related issues being addressed in multiple proceedings before this Court. It could also lead to more appeals to the Idaho Supreme Court, resulting in simultaneous proceedings on the same issues and/or orders, such as in the A&B delivery call. Until the Idaho Supreme Court has provided the guidance necessary for resolving the issues the Surface Water Coalition wishes to address, the stay should remain in place to avoid addressing issues that may be mooted, to avoid inconsistent determinations by appellate courts on related issues in the context of the Surface Water Coalition's delivery call, and to avoid an unnecessary multiplicity of proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons and in the interest of judicial economy, the Department requests that this Court deny the *Motion*.

Respectfully submitted this 30TH day of October, 2013.

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