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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

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

**RECLAMATION'S BRIEFING ON
WHETHER IDAHO POWER COMPANY
HAS STANDING TO PARTICIPATE**

COMES NOW the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"), by and through its attorney, Kathleen Marion Carr, Office of the Field Solicitor, pursuant to the Director's *Order Regarding Status and Scheduling Conference of June 15, 2005*. In this order the Director requested briefing by "recognized parties in regard to Idaho Power's status in this matter" by June 22, 2005.

Reclamation does not oppose Idaho Power's status as a party. It holds contractual entitlements to storage water in Reclamation's American Falls Reservoir. Reclamation recognizes that Idaho Power has an interest in the outcome of factual and legal questions of first impression that will be raised herein, which determinations or precedent may be

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applied to its interests. Idaho Power should be admitted as a party to assure development of a full and fair hearing record.

Furthermore, Reclamation requests that the Director make any decision on this question a final order to allow Idaho Party's status to be resolved in the near term.

Respectfully submitted this 22 day of June, 2005.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on the 22nd day of June 2005, a true and correct copy of **RECLAMATION'S BRIEFING ON WHETHER IDAHO POWER COMPANY HAS STANDING TO PARTICIPATE** was served on the following person(s) as shown below:

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