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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

July 18, 2024

RE: Notice of Order Extending Moratorium in the Twin Falls Ground Water Management Area

Dear Applicant and/or Interest Party,

You have received this notice because you previously filed an application for permit with the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") to establish a new water right, you possess a current water right permit, or you have been identified as an interested party in a current application or permit within the Twin Falls Ground Water Management Area ("TWGWMA") Moratorium Area.

This notice is given pursuant to Water Appropriation Rule 55 (IDAPA 37.03.08.055) and Idaho Code § 42-1805(7) that on July 11, 2024 IDWR issued an *Order Extending Moratorium* for the TFGWMA Moratorium Area. A copy of the *Order Extending Moratorium* is enclosed. The moratorium suspends further action on applications to appropriate and limits development under existing permits to divert and use the low temperature geothermal aquifer lying within the eastern portion of the TFGWMA in Townships 9 and 10 South and Ranges 16, 17, and 18 East in Twin Falls, Jerome, and Gooding Counties.

Any person aggrieved by the TFGWMA *Order Extending Moratorium* who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may file a written petition stating the reasons for contesting the order and requesting a hearing before the Director of IDWR. The petition must be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of the order or receipt of the actual notice of the order. Written petitions may be filed with the Department at IDWR, Southern Region, 650 Addison Ave W, Suite 500, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or IDWR, State Office, 322 E Front Street, Suite 648, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098, or they may be emailed to file@idwr.idaho.gov.

The Order Extending Moratorium and additional documents pertaining to this matter can also be viewed on IDWR's website at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Respectfully,

Phill Hummer Water Rights Section Manager

Enc: Order Extending Moratorium Certificate of Service