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

Docket No.: 37-03-11-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR DELIVERY CALL OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE DELIVERY OF GROUND WATER AND FOR THE CREATION OF A GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

## IGWA AND POCATELLO'S JOINT MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COME NOW the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., and its Ground Water District members, for and on behalf of their respective members (collectively "IGWA") and the City of Pocatello ("Pocatello"), through counsel, and hereby move the Hearing Officer pursuant to I.R.C.P. 56(b) for a determination that the Director properly exercised his discretionary authority

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by evaluating A&B's claims of injury to its water right in the context of A&B's water right in its entirety, and not on a well- by-well system basis.

This motion is based upon undisputed material facts in the record and upon deposition testimony of A&B's Manager and expert witnesses as detailed in the accompanying *Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because there are no material issues of fact, partial summary judgment is proper as a matter of law. In sum it is undisputed, that:

- a. the Partial Decree for A&B's 1948 priority water right no.36-2080 establishes multiple authorized points of diversion, any or all of which may be utilized to supply any or all of A&B's 62,604 irrigated acres within the described place of use;
- that transfer no. 72566 for A&B's 1948 priority water right no. 36-2080
  establishes 188 authorized points of diversion that may be utilized to divert ground water to supply A&B's 62,604 irrigation acres within the described place of use;
- c. the water right pumped under the partial decree is appurtenant to all 62,604 acres.

Thus, the Idaho Department of Water Resources properly evaluated the elements of water right no. 36-2080 as decreed in its January 29, 2008 Order. Likewise, it properly evaluated A&B's claims of shortage by determining that the SRBA partial decree provides for multiple points of diversion, which may serve any of the 62,604 acres described in the water right decree.

Accordingly, in consideration of the decree, subsequent administrative transfer terms, and the undisputed factual record, IGWA and Pocatello respectfully request that the Hearing Officer rule as a matter of law that it is was proper and within the Director's authority and sole discretion to conclude that A&B's water right must be examined in its entirely, and not on a well-by-well system basis, in making a determination of material injury.

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DATED this 3rd day of October, 2008.

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