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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO THE FEDERAL ON-STREAM RESERVOIRS IN WATER DISTRICT 63 BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

BALLENTYNE DITCH COMPANY; BOISE VALLEY IRRIGATION DITCH COMPANY; CANYON COUNTY WATER COMPANY; EUREKA WATER COMPANY; FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE DITCH COMPANY; MIDDLETON MILL DITCH COMPANY; MIDDLETON IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION, INC.; NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT; NEW DRY CREEK DITCH COMPANY; PIONEER DITCH COMPANY; PIONEER IRRIGATION DISTRICT; SETTLERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT; Supreme Court Docket No. 44677-2016

Ada County District Court No. CVWA-2015-21376 (Consolidated Ada County No. CVWA-2015-21391)

AFFIDAVIT OF GARRICK L. BAXTER IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATED AND JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING RESPONDENTS' BRIEFS

SOUTH BOISE WATER COMPANY; and THURMAN MILL DITCH COMPANY,

Petitioners-Appellants,

vs.

BOISE PROJECT BOARD OF CONTROL, and NEW YORK IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

Petitioners,

vs.

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

Respondents,

and

SUEZ WATER IDAHO, INC.,

Intervenor-Respondent.

STATE OF IDAHO)) ss. County of Ada)

I, GARRICK L. BAXTER, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

1. That I am a deputy attorney general and represent the Idaho Department of Water

Resources and its Director Gary Spackman ("Respondents") in the above captioned matter.

2. That the Respondents' response brief in this matter is due June 23, 2017.

3. That the parties previously requested an extension of time in this matter for the

filing of the Appellants' opening briefs, through the filing of the Stipulated and Joint Motion for

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Extension of Time for Filing Brief ("Motion") and *Affidavit of Garrick L. Baxter in Support of Stipulated and Joint Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Brief*, which were filed with the Court on May 1, 2017. The Court granted the Motion the same day.

4. That due to other urgent intervening matters related to judicial review proceedings and water rights administration and orders of the Department requiring counsel's attention, counsel will not be able to complete the Respondents' response brief in this appeal and in the companion appeal, Supreme Court Docket No. 44745-2016, by the due date.

5. That I believe an extension of twenty-one (21) days, to and including July 14, 2017, is a reasonable and necessary extension.

6. That the undersigned counsel contacted counsel for the other parties to inquire of an extension of time for filing its Respondents' briefs in this appeal and in the companion appeal, Supreme Court Docket No. 44745-2016. Counsel stipulated to the request upon the condition that the Department broaden its request to apply to (1) Intervenor-Respondent-Cross Appellant, Suez Water Inc.'s ("Suez") joint cross-appellant's opening and response brief; and (2) the briefing schedule in the companion appeal, Supreme Court Docket No. 44746-2016, so that there will be uniformity in the briefing schedules. Accordingly, the Respondents request an extension of time for the filing of the Respondents' response brief and Suez's joint cross-appellant's opening and response brief.

7. The parties will, by separate motions, request an extension of time for the filing of briefs in Supreme Court Docket Nos. 44745-2016 and 44746-2016.

8. I am reasonably assured that the Respondents' response brief will be timely filed on or before July 14, 2017, should this request be granted.

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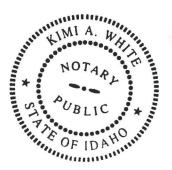
DATED this 20^{T} day of June 2017.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of June 2017.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2^{T} day of June 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the method(s) indicated:

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