#### **BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

### OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIG WOOD RIVER GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR THE DIVERSION AND USE OF SURFACE AND GROUND WATER WITHIN THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN

#### STIPULATION TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR HEARING

On October 21, 2022, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") issued his *Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order* ("Snake Moratorium"). On November 4, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Elmore County ("Elmore County") filed a *Petition for Hearing* related to the Snake Moratorium. In the Petition, Elmore County requested a hearing on the "propriety of the [Snake Moratorium]." *Petition for Hearing* at 5.

On March 10, 2023, the Department held a prehearing conference. Following the joint prehearing conference, an agreement was reached between Elmore County and the Department:

- Pursuant to Paragraph 8 on page 21 of the Snake Moratorium Order, the Department will begin processing Elmore County's Application for Permit 2-10535, filed on March 3, 2017, and agrees to continue processing the Application toward a final decision with reasonable diligence. The Department's agreement to process the Application for Permit 2-10535 is not an agreement to approve the Application.
- 2. Based on the above, Elmore County agrees to withdraw its Petition for Hearing in the Snake River Moratorium proceedings by filing a notice of withdrawal pursuant to the Department's Rule of Procedure 303. The County's agreement to withdraw its Petition is not a waiver of the County's right to pursue further relief after the Department issues a final decision on the Application.

Dated the <u>17th</u> day of May, 2023.

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