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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 )

Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001

SUPPLEMENT TO SURFACE WATER COALITION'S MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DISCOVERY

COME NOW, 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 (collectively hereafter referred to as the "Surface Water Coalition", "Coalition", or "SWC"), by and through counsel of record, and hereby submit

this *Supplement* to their *Motion to Authorize Discovery* filed on September 6, 2013. The Coalition's supplement is further supported by the *Second Affidavit of Travis L. Thompson* filed together herewith.

## ADDITIONAL BASIS FOR DISCOVERY

On September 10, 2013 counsel for IGWA emailed a spreadsheet to the Director and counsel for the SWC. See Exhibit A to Second Thompson Aff. Mr. Budge claims the information in the Coalition's Petition is "inaccurate." Id. The email includes an attachment with a table of alleged "2013 Storage Water Leases and Transfers." Id. Despite Mr. Budge's assertion, the information included in the new table contradicts the summary of water leases for 2013 attached to the Affidavit of Timothy Deeg filed with the Director on April 22, 2013. Consequently, Mr. Budge's email and attachment raise additional questions and provide a further basis for the Coalition's motion to authorize discovery in this matter. See Exhibit B to Second Thompson Aff.

For example, although IGWA claimed it had leased 10,000 acre-feet from Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company, 3,000 acre-feet from Enterprise Canal Company, and 500 acre-feet from Palisades Water Users back in April, those quantities do not appear anywhere in the "2013 Lease Minimum" column in the table attached to Mr. Budge's September 10<sup>th</sup> email. While this information was used to avoid a curtailment order back in April it is now clear it did not accurately represent the water IGWA actually acquired by lease during the 2013 irrigation season.

Further it appears that the leases with the Idaho Irrigation District, the Snake River

Valley Irrigation District, and the State of Wyoming were increased sometime after April and
that a new lease was entered into with the City of Pocatello. See Exhibit A to Second Thompson

Aff. The contents of these new leases and when they were executed with IGWA is unknown. The Coalition has not received any notice that the Director requested or is aware of these new leases that IGWA has apparently executed.

Finally, Mr. Budge's table indicates administrative fees still owing to Water District 01 and the Idaho Water Resource Board. Although certain fees were apparently paid during the irrigation season, and requests for assignment were made, it is still unclear why certain requested assignments, including the full 14,200 acre-feet to TFCC, were not implemented.

Mr. Budge's email and table raise additional questions and further support the Coalition's *Motion to Authorize Discovery* in this matter. While IGWA's counsel claims the Coalition's *Petition* is "inaccurate" and "speculation", full discovery will ultimately expose the facts in this matter. The Coalition requests a formal accounting and an administrative hearing to discover the factual basis for the assertions contained in IGWA's prior affidavit and the recent email asserting the acquisition of storage water during the 2013 irrigation season.

DATED this  $\int \int \int day$  of September, 2013.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this <u>I</u> day of September, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Supplement to Surface Water Coalition's Motion to Authorize Discovery on the following by the method indicated:

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