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

NOTICE OF MATERIALS DEPARTMENT WITNESSES MAY RELY UPON AT HEARING AND INTENT TO TAKE OFFICIAL NOTICE

On May 2, 2023, the Director issued a *Scheduling Order and Order Authorizing Remote Appearance at Hearing* ("Scheduling Order"). In the Scheduling Order, the identified two Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") employees who will testify at the hearing—Jennifer Sukow and Matthew Anders. The Director set a deadline of May 5, 2023, for the Department to provide the materials Ms. Sukow and Mr. Anders may rely upon at the hearing as well as a summary of topics Ms. Sukow and Mr. Anders may testify to. *Scheduling Order* at 2. The Department may augment its list of materials Ms. Sukow and Mr. Anders may rely upon at the hearing, if needed, by May 10, 2023. *Id*.

A. Materials Ms. Sukow and Mr. Anders may rely upon during the June 6-10 hearing.

The materials Ms. Sukow and Mr. Anders may rely upon at the hearing have been divided into four separate folders and are publicly available on the Department's website¹ as a downloadable zipped file labeled "Materials Department Witnesses May Rely Upon at Hearing".

1st Folder: "2022 Technical Working Group ("TWG")". Presentations, agendas,

data and communications related to the TWG meetings this fall.

2nd Folder: "2023 5th Amended Methodology Order". Data files and notes related

to baseline year, irrigated acres, project efficiency, reasonable

carryover.

3rd Folder: "2023 April As-Applied Order". Copies of all files in the April

Background Information folder on IDWR's website.

4th Folder: "ESPAM Report". ESPAM documentation reports from Jennifer

Sukow.

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¹ The webpage for the above-captioned matter can be located at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/delivery-call-actions/SWC/.

B. Topics Ms. Sukow may testify about at the hearing:

- Steady-state vs. transient modeling / simulations for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Model (ESPAM).
- Calculation of curtailment priority dates for the SWC's delivery call.

C. Topics Mr. Anders may testify about at the hearing:

- Base Line Year (BLY)
- Forecast Supply
- SWC Irrigated Acres
- Crop Water Need
- Near Real Time Mapping Evapo Transpiration at high Resolution with Internalized Calibration (NRT METRIC)
- Project Efficiency
- Reasonable Carryover
- Twin Falls Canal Company's increase in diversions
- The 2023 Technical Working Group meetings

D. Director's intent to take official notice.

Department Rule of Procedure 602 states in pertinent part:

The [Director] may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed in the courts of Idaho, of generally recognized technical or scientific data or facts within the agency's specialized knowledge and records of the agency. The [Director] may ask agency staff to prepare reports or memoranda to be used in deciding a contested case, and all such reports and memoranda shall be officially noticed by the [Director]. The [Director] shall notify the parties of specific facts or material noticed and the source of the material noticed, including any agency staff memoranda and data. This notice should be provided either before or during the hearing, and must be provided before the issuance of any order that is based in whole or in part on facts or material officially noticed. Parties must be given an opportunity to contest and rebut the facts or material officially noticed.

IDAPA 37.01.01.602.

The Director hereby notifies the parties that he intends to take official notice of the facts and data in the "2022 Technical Working Group ("TWG")" folder, "2023 5th Amended Methodology Order" folder, "2023 April as Applied Order folder", and "ESPAM Report" folder.

Concurrent with this notice, copies of those documents will be posted to the Department's docket for this proceeding. Pursuant to Rule of Procedure 602, any party may file a written objection "to contest and rebut the facts or material to be officially noticed" on or before June 4, 2023. IDAPA 37.01.01.602.

DATED this 5th day of May 2023.

Gary Spackman

Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>5th</u> day of May 2023, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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