BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHTS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE BIG WOOD & LITTLE WOOD WATER USERS ASSOCIATION DIVERTING FROM THE BIG WOOD RIVER

Docket No. CM-DC-2015-001

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHTS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE BIG WOOD & LITTLE WOOD WATER USERS ASSOCIATION DIVERTING FROM THE LITTLE WOOD RIVER

Docket No. CM-DC-2015-002

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR ENLARGMENT OF TIME

BACKGROUND

On February 24, 2015, the Director ("Director") of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") received two conjunctive management water delivery call letters from counsel for members of the Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Association ("Petitioners"). The letters allege senior surface water users on the Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers are being injured by water users diverting ground water hydraulically connected to the Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers. The letters request the Director regulate junior ground water users consistent with the prior appropriation doctrine.

The Director initiated new contested case proceedings and assigned each delivery call letter its own docket number. The Big Wood Delivery Call was assigned docket no. CM-DC-2015-001. The Little Wood Delivery Call was assigned docket no. CM-DC-2015-002.

On March 20, 2015, the Department sent letters to ground water users the Department identified as potentially affected by one or both of the above-described delivery calls. The purpose of the letters was to inform the water users of the delivery calls and notify them of a planned status conference. The letters invited the water users to file a written notice with the Department if they planned to participate in delivery call proceedings. The Department received over 100 notices of intent to participate, including notices filed by Sun Valley Company ("SVC") and the City of Hailey and City of Bellevue ("Hailey and Bellevue").

On June 25, 2015, SVC filed a Motion to Dismiss Contested Case Proceedings ("SVC's Motion to Dismiss"). On June 26, 2015, the Hailey and Bellevue filed a Joint Motion to Modify Request for Staff Memoranda ("Motion to Modify") and a Joint Motion to Designate ACGWS by Rulemaking and to Dismiss Delivery Calls ("Hailey and Bellevue's Motion to Dismiss"). On

July 1, 2015, SVC filed Sun Valley Company's Motion to Modify/Withdraw "Request for Staff Memoranda" and May 20, 2015 "Request for Additional Information" ("Motion to Modify/Withdraw").

On July 15, 2015, Petitioners filed *Petitioner's Motion for Enlargement of Time* ("Motion for Enlargement of Time") requesting the Director "issue an order enlarging the time in which Petitioners may respond to [the above-described motions filed by SVC and Hailey and Bellevue]." *Motion for Enlargement of Time* at 1-2. On July 22, 2015, the Director issued orders denying SVC's Motion to Dismiss, the Motion to Modify, Hailey and Bellevue's Motion to Dismiss, and the Motion to Modify/Withdraw. Therefore, the Motion for Enlargement of Time is moot and will be denied.

ORDER

Based upon and consistent with the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion for Enlargement of Time is DENIED.

DATED this 22nd day of July 2015.

GARY SPACKMAN

Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 22nd day of July 2015, I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document by placing a copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed and by e-mail to participants who have provided e-mail addresses to the Department for service to the following:

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