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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE NORTH SNAKE AND MAGIC VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICTS' 2009 JOINT MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2009 (Blue Lakes)

Docket Nos. CM-MP-2009-002

IN THE MATTER OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S RULE 43 MITIGATION PLAN

(Water Right Nos. 36-02356A, 36-07210, and 36-07427)

UNIT A ASSOCIATION'S OPPOSITION TO STIPULATION AND JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S RULE 43 MITIGATION PLAN

Protestant Unit A Association, by and through its counsel of record, Perkins Coie LLP, and in accordance with IDAPA 37.01.01.270.02, hereby opposes the Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of A&B Irrigation District's Rule 43 Mitigation Plan ("Motion") filed on or about February 2, 2010.

First, the Motion does not address or resolve issues raised in Unit A Association's Protest. Further, Blue Lakes' significantly conditioned acceptance of A&B's Mitigation Plan is merely one of many factors that should be considered by IDWR when evaluating a Mitigation Plan pursuant to Rule 43. IDWR approval of A&B's Mitigation Plan based on the Motion is therefore improper. Accordingly, the Motion should be denied.

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