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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE SURFACE WATER COALITION CALL

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-MP-2015-005

RESPONSE OF NO OPPOSITION TO SURFACE WATER COALITION'S PETITION TO INTERVENE The City of Idaho Falls (the "City"), an Idaho municipal corporation, by and through its

above-identified counsel, hereby submits this Response of No Opposition To Surface Water

Coalition's Petition to Intervene. As evidenced in the title of this response, the City does not

oppose the Surface Water Coalition's Petition to Intervene dated December 23, 2015, and requests

that the Director grant the petition. By not opposing the Coalition's petition, the City is not

necessarily agreeing with or conceding to the legal and factual assertions outlined in the

Coalition's petition.

Furthermore, as described in a letter dated December 17, 2015 from the City, the City does

not intend at this time to pursue the above-entitled mitigation plan and has instead focused its

efforts on working with other cities on a broader mitigation plan involving other cities that divert

water from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Accordingly, the City only requests that the Director

grant the Coalition's petition at this point but not take any further action on this matter until

requested by the City.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2016.

Robert L. Harris, Esq.

HOLDEN, KIDWELL, HAHN & CRAPO, P.L.L.C.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the following described pleading or document on the parties listed below by hand delivery, email, mail, or by facsimile, with the correct postage thereon, on this <u>8th</u> day of January, 2016.

DOCUMENT SERVED: RESPONSE OF NO OPPOSITION TO SURFACE WATER COALITION'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

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