

I.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On June 30, 2011, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources issued his *Amended Final Order on Remand Regarding the A&B Irrigation District Delivery Call* (“*Amended Final Order*”) in IDWR Docket No. CM-DC-2011-001.

2. On July 27, 2011, the City of Pocatello filed a *Petition for Judicial Review* seeking judicial review of the *Amended Final Order* in Minidoka County Case CV-2011-604. Also on that date, the Clerk of the Court for the Minidoka County District Court reassigned the case to this Court.

3. On July 28, 2011, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. (“IGWA”) filed a *Petition for Judicial Review* in Ada County Case No. CV-2011-14409 seeking judicial review of the *Amended Final Order*. On August 2, 2011, the Clerk of the Court for the Ada County District Court reassigned the case to this Court.

4. On August 11, 2011, the A&B Irrigation District (“A&B”) filed a *Notice of Cross Petition for Judicial Review* in Ada County Case No. CV-2011-14409 seeking judicial review of the *Amended Final Order*.

II.

ANALYSIS


The Idaho Supreme Court has directed that “whenever the court is of the opinion that it may expedite its business and further the interests of the litigants, at the same time minimizing the expense upon the public and the litigants alike, the order of consolidation should be made.” *Branom v. Smith Frozen Foods of Idaho, Inc.*, 83 Idaho 502, 508, 365 P.2d 958, 961 (1961). This Court finds that the *Petitions for Judicial Review* filed in Minidoka County Case CV-2011-604 and Ada County Case CV 2011-14409 and the *Cross Petition for Judicial Review* filed in Ada County Case CV 2011-14409 involve similar issues, seek judicial review of the same final order of the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that consolidation of these *Petitions* will expedite resolution of this matter. Therefore, the *Petition for Judicial Review* filed by the City of Pocatello in Minidoka County Case CV-2011-604 shall be consolidated into Ada County Case CV-2011-14409.

III.
ORDER

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The *Petition for Judicial Review* filed by the City of Pocatello in Minidoka County Case CV-2011-604 shall be consolidated into Ada County Case CV-2011-14409
2. All further captions used in this proceeding shall be characterized as shown above.

Dated August 15, 2011


ERIC J. WILOMAN
District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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