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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY, NORTH)
SIDE CANAL COMPANY, A & B)
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN)
FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,)
BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, and)
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)

Petitioners,)

vs.)

GARY SPACKMAN, in his capacity)
as Interim Director of the Idaho Department)
of Water Resources, THE IDAHO)
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,)
THE IDAHO GROUND WATER)
APPROPRIATORS, INC., and THE CITY OF)
POCATELLO,)

Respondents.)

Case No. CV-2012-2096

**CITY OF POCATELLO'S
RESPONSE TO SURFACE WATER
COALITION'S JOINT MOTION
TO LIFT STAY/JOINT MOTION
TO EXPEDITE**

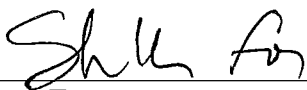
IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF)
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HELD BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B)
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BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND)
TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY)
_____)

COMES NOW, City of Pocatello, by and through its undersigned counsel, and hereby responds to the *Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion to Lift Stay/Joint Motion to Expedite* in the above-captioned matter.


The Surface Water Coalition's Motions should be denied for the reasons identified in *City of Pocatello's Response to Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion to Lift Stay/Joint Motion to Expedite* ("Response"), filed on October 29, 2013, in the matter of *Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., et al. v. Spackman, et al.* in Consolidated Case No. CV-2010-382. Pocatello's arguments in its Response are incorporated herein by this reference, and a copy of that Response is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October, 2013.

CITY OF POCATELLO ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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I hereby certify that on this 20th day of October, 2013, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **City of Pocatello's Response to Surface Water Coalition's Joint Motion to Lift Stay/Joint Motion to Expedite** in SRBA Case No. CV-12-2096, SRBA upon the following by the method indicated:



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 APPROPRIATORS, INC.,

Petitioners,

vs.

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 SIDE CANAL COMPANY, A&B IRRIGATION
 DISTRICT, AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR
 DISTRICT #2, BURLEY IRRIGATION
 DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
 and MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

Petitioners,

Consolidated Case No. CV-2010-382

(consolidated Gooding County
 Cases CV-2010-382, CV-2010-383,
 CV-2010-384, CV-2010-387,
 CV-2010-388, and Twin Falls
 County Case CV-2010-3403)

Fee Category: Exempt

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The City of Pocatello (“Pocatello”), through undersigned counsel, hereby responds to the Surface Water Coalition’s Joint Motion to Lift Stay/Joint Motion to Expedite (“SWC Motions”). Pocatello opposes the SWC Motions. As grounds therefore, Pocatello would show the Court:

A. The stay made sense in 2010 prior to the conclusion of the original SWC appeal, and it still makes sense.

The SWC’s motion to lift the stay should be denied because the basis for the stay—guidance to be provided by the Idaho Supreme Court’s decision in the original SWC appeal—is still unavailable to the parties. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”), SWC, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., and Pocatello negotiated the stay in this matter in 2010, and jointly sought this Court’s order staying this appeal, to avoid the waste of judicial resources that would occur in seeking judicial review of the Director’s June 23, 2010 *Second Amended Final Order Regarding Methodology for Determining Material Injury to Reasonable In-Season Demand and Reasonable Carryover* without clear guidance on central legal issues related to the

appropriate means to resolve claims of injury by the SWC under their delivery call. Although the SWC's Motions lay out SWC's current complaints based on IDWR's administration during the 2013 irrigation season, this is an inadequate basis to lift the Court's December 13, 2010 *Order Granting Motion for Stay* in this matter in the absence of legal guidance from the Idaho Supreme Court.

B. The fact of multiple appeals filed by the SWC related to virtually every IDWR order in the SWC delivery call during the 2010, 2012, and 2013 irrigation seasons is another basis to continue the stay.

While the SWC apparently offers the list of pending appeals related to IDWR orders on the SWC delivery call during the 2010, 2012, and 2013 irrigation seasons as a basis for lifting the stay (SWC Motions at 3), this list of pending appeals is actually additional support for continuing the stay. SWC has appealed nearly every order entered by IDWR beginning with the 2010 irrigation season related to the SWC delivery call, even those that are arguably of an interlocutory nature. Taking up the appeals in any of these matters in advance of the Idaho Supreme Court's decision would waste judicial resources and lead only to confusion regarding the issues to be briefed.

As this Court was the reviewing court throughout the A&B Irrigation District ("A&B") delivery call process, this Court can take judicial notice of the complex and repetitive procedural history related to the overlapping appeals in the A&B delivery call. Judicial review of IDWR's determinations on remand was recently the subject of a decision by this Court in Case No. CV-2011-512; A&B has again appealed the decision on judicial review, and the parties are in the midst of briefing before the Idaho Supreme Court. Pocatello, at least, is not anxious to revisit in this matter either the complexity of arguing and re-arguing the same issues over and over again in overlapping matters, or the procedural frustration associated with judicial review and appeals in the A&B delivery call. Pocatello submits that lifting the stay in this matter would

result in only unnecessary expenditure of the parties' and the courts' resources, and would not likely lead to any meaningful resolution of the SWC's issues with its delivery call.


WHEREFORE, Pocatello requests that the Court continue the stay in this matter. The SWC should also be charged with contacting the parties and this court within 30 days of entry of a final decision from the Idaho Supreme Court to schedule a status conference to consider how to manage the overlapping and duplicative nature of the pending cases as well as to sort out the proper identity of parties to the appeals.

Respectfully submitted, this 29th day of October, 2013.

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