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# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE

STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

BOISE PROJECT BOARD OF CONTROL, and NEW YORK IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

Petitioners,

VS.

THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and GARY SPACKMAN, in his capacity as Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources,

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO THE FEDERAL ON-STREAM RESERVOIRS IN WATER DISTRICT 63 Case No. CV-WA-2015-21391

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

COME NOW Respondents, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") and Gary Spackman in his capacity as Director of the Department, by and through their undersigned attorney of record, and move for consolidation for the reasons set forth below.

Petitions for judicial review filed by the Boise Project Board of Control and New York

Irrigation District (collectively referred to as "BOC") and the Ditch Companies<sup>1</sup>, Case Nos. CV-WA-2015-21391 and CV-WA-2015-21376, respectively, are pending before this Court. These petitions seek review of the same order entered in the contested case before the Department:

Amended Final Order issued on October 20, 2015, In the Matter of Accounting for the Distribution of Water to the Federal On-Stream Reservoirs in Water District 63. The Department files this motion to consolidate judicial review of these petitions.

Consolidation is appropriate because both petitions arise from the same order issued in the contested case and are based on the same agency record. Consolidation would also expedite the matters and minimize the expense upon the public and the parties.

A motion to consolidate is being filed concurrently herewith in *Ballentyne Ditch Company*, et al. v. IDWR, Case No. CV-WA-2015-21376.

Counsel for the Department has contacted counsel for BOC and the Ditch Companies regarding this motion. There is no opposition to this motion.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Ditch Companies are comprised of the Ballentyne Ditch Company, Boise Valley Irrigation Ditch Company, Canyon County Water Company, Eureka Water Company, Farmers' Co-Operative Ditch Company, Middleton Mill Ditch Company, Middleton Irrigation Association, Inc., Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, New Dry Creek Ditch Company, Pioneer Ditch Company, Pioneer Irrigation District, Settlers Irrigation District, South Boise Water Company, and Thurman Mill Ditch Company.

DATED this  $28^{7\#}$  day of December, 2015.

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