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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE

STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STRIDER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.,

Case No. CV01-22-10932

VS.

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

DECLARATION OF JENNIFER REINHARDT-TESSMER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO ORDER RETURN OF STATE PROPERTY STATE OF IDAHO)
: ss.
County of Ada)

Jennifer Reinhardt-Tessmer, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney with Kirton McConkie, counsel of record for Defendant Idaho Water Resource Board. I am over the age of 18 and base this declaration on my personal knowledge.
- 2. On March 29, 2023, I participated in a meet and confer conference ("the meet and confer conference") with Kristina Southwell, counsel of record for the Plaintiff, Strider Construction Company. In the meet and confer conference, I inquired whether Plaintiff had any of the J-seals that Strider replaced and was told by Ms. Southwell that the Plaintiff did in fact have them. I asked how they were being maintained and was told they were probably in Strider's office. I asked if Strider had anything else from the worksite and was told counsel would need to further inquire. While Ms. Southwell said we could view the J-seals at her client's office (which is located in Washington), I stated that the J-seals are property of the State.
- 3. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of an email (without attachments) that I sent Ms. Southwell following that meet and confer conference, in which I requested that the J-seals, as property of the State, be returned by mail to our law office, along with documentation of the chain of custody.
- 4. On April 3, 2023, Strider's counsel acknowledged IWRB's position that this was not a discovery request but rather a demand to return property wrongfully taken. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of that email correspondence.
- 5. Opposing counsel has taken the position that the dam's J-seal removed by Strider for the State, is now Strider's property pursuant to a provision in the Contract, which provides as follows:
 - 13. Replace J-Seals
 - a. Measurement: Per bay (BAY).
 - b. Description: Work under this item shall include all materials, supplies, equipment, and labor required for removal and disposal of existing J-Seals and fabricating, installing, and installation of new J-Seals in all

11 bays as described in these Technical Specifications and as indicated in the Contract Drawings.

Attached as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of that email exchange.

6. On April 28, 2023, I sought further information concerning the circumstances of the removal of the State's property and potential spoliation of evidence, as well as a chain of custody for the J-seal since its removal. Opposing counsel refused to provide assurances regarding the same, taking the position that Defendant should have to use up interrogatories to obtain reassurance regarding the preservation of State property and chain of custody of evidence. **Exhibit**

 $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ is a true and correct copy of that email correspondence exchange.

DATED this 8th day of May 2023.

KIRTON MCCONKIE

/s/ Jennifer Reinhardt-Tessmer
Jennifer Reinhardt-Tessmer
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of May 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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EXHIBIT A

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Cc: Carter, Meghan; john@guinlaw.com; Steven Andersen

Subject: RE: Strider v. Idaho Water Resource Board, Case No. CV01-22-10932, Meet and Confer

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:29:00 PM

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Subject: RE: Strider v. Idaho Water Resource Board, Case No. CV01-22-10932, Meet and Confer

Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 12:41:06 PM

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The specs call for removal and disposal of the old J-seals – See Section 01 20 00 1.03(B)(13). Nothing indicates that IWRB intended to retain ownership of items it directed to be removed and disposed of.



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We want to inspect the J-seal, and it's the State's property, so we're asking you to return it. We'll certainly continue to retain it and make it available for further inspection by your client/expert. I don't understand how you can contest it's the State's property. Can you please explain your position?

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These questions should be raised through the formal discovery process, not by email among counsel.

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The appropriate course of action here is for IWRB to make a formal discovery request and discuss a time and place to inspect the seal once it has engaged an expert.



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Kristina –

The J-seal is the State of Idaho's property, and we are requesting its return. Based on our conversation, my understanding is that you believed the J-seal was being kept at your client's office. We aren't comfortable with this. If it is not returned, we will be filing our motion to compel. As I noted, we will certainly safely preserve for any future inspections.

Jennifer Reinhardt-Tessmer

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Hi Jennifer.

There is only one of the original j-seals and one of the new j-seals. Since there is only one, care must

be taken to preserve the evidence. Strider is not comfortable with mailing given the risk of loss or damage.

I suggest that IWRB make a formal discovery request regarding the j-seal. Then we can decide on a mutually agreeable time and place for IWRB to inspect the j-seal so that there is no risk of loss or damage to the evidence.

Thanks,

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Kristina,

Can you please advise if your office will mail the j-seals. Thanks.

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Kristina,

That doesn't equate to ownership for Strider. Regardless, we want to inspect the j-seals, and shouldn't have to travel to Strider's business in WA. It makes the most sense to mail them to our office. We'll continue to preserve them. If you won't mail them, we will file a motion to compel.

Jennifer

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The specs call for removal and disposal of the old J-seals – See Section 01 20 00 1.03(B)(13). Nothing indicates that IWRB intended to retain ownership of items it directed to be removed and disposed of.



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Kristina,

We want to inspect the J-seal, and it's the State's property, so we're asking you to return it. We'll certainly continue to retain it and make it available for further inspection by your client/expert. I don't understand how you can contest it's the State's property. Can you please explain your position?

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I'm sorry Jennifer I do not recall hearing you say that you believed the J-seal was your client's property during our call. My understanding was that we were talking about inspection of physical evidence under the discovery rules. It sounds like you are not making a discovery request, but rather taking the position that the old J-seal is IWRB property that Strider should not have possession of. Can you please explain your basis or authority for that position?



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Kristina,

That's fine if it takes longer than April 6th to supplement. I ask that you supplement by April 17th. I'm sorry if our discussion about the J-seals was not clear. I inquired how they were being preserved and you said in your client's office. When you said you would make them available for inspection, I said, but I believe they are our property. In saying they were our property, I intended to convey, we would want them returned as opposed to being made available. If this is something your client objects to returning, please confirm.

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Jennifer,

Thanks for the meet and confer and email. Strider will provide responses to Interrogatories 29 and 30 and supplement Interrogatory 6. Strider will also provide additional production. But as I stated during our call, it may take more time and not be complete by the April 6 deadline given in your letter.

During our call I did confirm that Strider has one old J-seal and one new J-seal at their office. You asked that we preserve them, and we discussed finding a time and place for IWRB or its representatives to inspect them. We did not discuss mailing the seals to your offices or your position that the seals are property of the State.



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Kristina,

Thank you for taking the time to meet and confer today regarding the issues outlined in the attached correspondence. Per our discussion, our office will anticipate supplemental responses to IWRB's Interrogatory 6, 29 and 30, and IWRB will withdraw Interrogatory 28. Additionally, Strider will supplement RFPs including 4, 7, 15 with any responsive documents it may locate. Generally, IWRB will supplement its responses going forward as necessary.

With reference to the old J-seals, you informed me Strider has them at their office. Given that the

seals are property of the state, we request that you mail the J-seals to our law office, along with documentation of the chain of custody, which we will maintain.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Jennifer

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Ms. Southwell,

Please find the attached letter from Jennifer Reinhardt-Tessmer.

Thanks,

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