DEPARTMENT OF

WATER RESOURCES

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF STYLE'S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHT NO. 95-0734 Docket No. P-DR-2017-001 CHALLENGE DEFAULT ORDER

Now comes, William P. Hope and Julie A. Hope, Petitioners, pursuant to IDAPA 37.01.01.701, to formally challenge the default judgment in the above entitled matter.

BACKGROUND

The Petitioners filed a Petition to Intervene in the above entitled matter. On May 22, 2017, the hearing officer held the prehearing conference. The Petitioners failed to appear in person or via teleconference as required.

GROUNDS

The Petitioners mailed the Petition to Intervene prior to the May 8, 2017 deadline. The Petitioners were out of country from May 6 to May 14, 2017. Upon their return they received the petition document along with the required \$25.00 check returned from Michael Lawrence, Attorney at Law where the document had been accidentally mailed; along with a letter stating that their firm did not represent the Petitioners in this matter. The letters along with all the posted marked envelopes were forwarded on May 15, 2017 to IDWR's Northern Regional Office.

Since the documents had not reached the IDWR's office prior to the May 8, 2017 deadline, and since no acceptance notification was received the Petitioners believed that their Petition to Intervene had been rejected.

As such, the Petitioners request the Hearing Officer vacate the Default Order and allow the Petitions to continue as parties in the above matter.

William P. Hope	June 6, 2017	
Petitioner	Date	