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U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2, BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

RECLAMATION'S RESPONSE TO PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMES NOW the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"), by and through its attorney, Kathleen Marion Carr, Office of the Field Solicitor, and submits the following Response to Petitions for Reconsideration¹ of the Director's May 2, 2005 Amended Order (Amended Order). Reclamation believes that no response is necessary to the Petitions for Reconsideration. To the extent a response is deemed necessary, Reclamation believes that a hearing is the appropriate forum to address the myriad issues raised by those water right holders aggrieved by the Amended Order and which are

¹ Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Idaho Dairymen's Association, the City of Pocatello, J.R. Simplot and the State Agency Ground Water Users (Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Idaho Department of Health &

raised in the petitions for reconsideration.

Dated this 3/ day of May, 2005.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on the 31st day of May 2005, a true and correct copy of RECLAMATION'S RESPONSE TO PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION was served on the following person(s) as shown below:

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