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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 STATEMENT ON DISQUALIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR AS HEARING OFFICER**

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, pursuant to the Director's *Order Regarding Status and Scheduling Conference of June 15, 2005*. In this order the Director requested briefing in "regard to the disqualification of the Director as the Hearing Officer in this matter" by June 29, 2005.

Reclamation takes no position on the motion to disqualify the Director. However, Reclamation requests that any decision on this question be certified as a final order to allow immediate review and resolution of this issue for the purpose of judicial economy.

Respectfully submitted this 29 day of June, 2005.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on them 29 day of June 2005, a true and correct copy of **RECLAMATION'S STATEMENT ON THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE HEARING DIRECTOR** was served on the following person(s) as shown below:

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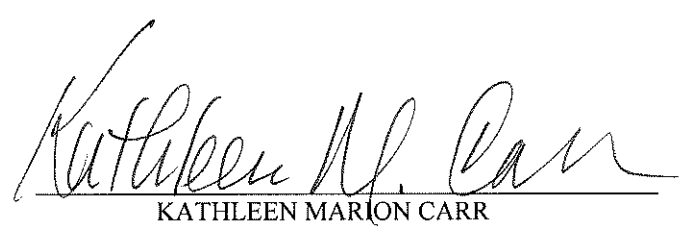

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