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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 POCATELLO'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE THE HEARING INTO INJURY AND MITIGATION PHASES**

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, Reclamation responds to Pocatello's Motion to Bifurcate the Hearing into Injury and Mitigation Phases. Reclamation opposes Pocatello's Motion for the reasons set out in the *Surface Water Coalition's Response to Pocatello's Motion to Bifurcate the Hearing Into Injury and Mitigation Phases.*

Respectfully submitted this 14 day of November, 2005.

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

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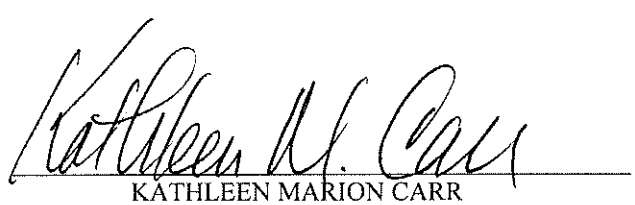

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