BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOISE FRONT LOW TEMPERATURE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA	)))))	**FINAL ORDER EXTENDING MORATORIUM**

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1987, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") designated the Boise Front Low Temperature Geothermal Resource Ground Water Management Area in Ada County, Idaho, due to reported declines in aquifer water levels and water pressure; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1988, IDWR issued an order establishing a five (5) year moratorium to prevent further development or additional use of the low temperature geothermal water resource ("resource"); and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1993 and on September 1, 1998, the Director of the Department issued orders, each extending the moratorium for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2003, IDWR advised the users of the resource that IDWR was reviewing the need for the moratorium and whether it should be modified or extended and requested written comments on the nature of the action IDWR should take in connection with the expiring moratorium; and

WHEREAS, six (6) parties submitted written comment to IDWR. All the comments supported extending the moratorium for an additional five (5) years.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 42-1805(7), Idaho Code, and IDAPA Rule 37.03.08.055 (Water Appropriation Rule 55), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1) The order dated June 10, 1988, that established a moratorium on further development, and additional use of the low temperature geothermal water resource in the Boise Front Ground Water Management area is extended.

2) The provisions of this order are effective for five (5) years from the date issued unless rescinded or modified by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or unless rescinded or modified by order of the Director.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2003.

KARL J. DREHER
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of November, 2003, the above and foregoing document was served upon the following by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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