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	)	**ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING EXPERT REPORTS AND FOR HEARING**

On July 22, 2005, the Director of the Department of Water Resources ("Director" or "Department") entered a *Scheduling Order* in this matter. On September 1, 2002, the Director issued an *Order Amending the Scheduling Order of July 22, 2005*. On October 7, 2005, the Director received a motion from the Surface Water Coalition ("SWC") requesting more time for the preparation of expert reports and requesting a continuation of the scheduled hearing date for six months. On October 14, 2005, the Director received a motion from the City of Pocatello ("Pocatello") to extend the existing deadline for the disclosure of expert reports and to postpone the hearing for a short period. The Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA") filed a response to SWC's motion on October 13, 2005, opposing a delay in the hearing, but agreeing that it could be appropriate to extend the deadlines for expert reports by three to four weeks.

Expert reports are due on November 4, 2005, under the scheduling order presently in effect. Because of the short period of time before the expert reports are due, the Director is providing this abbreviated response to the relief requested by the parties and will issue a more detailed response and a second amended scheduling order at a later date.

ORDER

Based upon initial consideration of the motions filed by the Surface Water Coalition and the City of Pocatello and the response by the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., the Director enters the following Order:

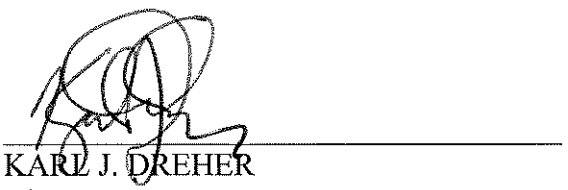
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The time for submission of expert witness reports is extended to December 30, 2005.

2. The date for commencement of the hearing is extended to March 6, 2006.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director will issue a Seconded Amended Scheduling Order in the near future.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2005.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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