

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER)	Docket No. CM-DC-2014-004
TO WATER RIGHTS HELD BY RANGEN, INC.,)	
WATER RIGHT NOS. 36-00134B, 36-00135A,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
AND 36-15501)	TO INTERVENE
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On June 27, 2014, the Director (“Director”) of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) received *Rangen, Inc’s Petition for Delivery Call* (“Delivery Call”). The Delivery Call alleges water rights held by Rangen, Inc. (“Rangen”) are being materially injured as a result of junior-priority groundwater pumping in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (“ESPA”). *Delivery Call* at 8. The Delivery Call requests curtailment of diversions under water rights junior to Rangen’s water right nos. 36-134B, 36-135A, and 36-15501. *Id.* at 9-10.

On July 17, 2014, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. (“IGWA”) timely filed *IGWA’s Petition to Intervene* (“Petition”). The Petition requests that the Director grant IGWA’s request to intervene in the above-referenced matter before the Department pursuant to the Department’s Rules of Procedure 156 and 350 through 354.

A status conference was held on July 22, 2014, wherein Fritz Haemmerle, attorney for Rangen, stated Rangen does not oppose IGWA’s Petition.

Rule 156 defines “Intervenors” as “[p]ersons, not applicants or claimants or appellants, complainants, respondents, or protestants to a proceeding, who are permitted to participate as parties pursuant to Rules 350 through 354. . . .” IDAPA 37.01.01.156. Rule 350 states:

Persons not applicants or claimants or appellants, petitioners, complainants, protestants, or respondents to a proceeding who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding may petition for an order from the presiding officer granting intervention to become a party, if a formal hearing is required by statute to be held in the proceeding.

IDAPA 37.01.01.350. Rule 353 provides:

If a timely-filed petition to intervene shows direct and substantial interest in any part of the subject matter of a proceeding and does not unduly broaden the issues, the presiding officer will grant intervention, subject to reasonable conditions, unless the applicant’s interest is adequately represented by existing parties. If it appears that an

intervenor has no direct or substantial interest in the proceeding, the presiding officer may dismiss the intervenor from the proceeding.

IDAPA 37.01.01.353.

IGWA represents Ground Water Districts whose members include irrigators, municipalities, and commercial and industrial entities who own water rights that divert from the ESPA that may be subject to curtailment should Rangen's Delivery Call be successful. The Director concludes IGWA has a direct and substantial interest in the above-referenced matter that is not adequately represented by existing parties and the Petition does not unduly broaden the issues.

ORDER

Based upon and consistent with the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that *IGWA's Petition to Intervene* is GRANTED.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2014.



GARY SPACKMAN
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of July, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document described below were served on 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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