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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)	RECLAMATION'S RESPONSE TO
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN)	POCATELLO'S MOTION FOR
FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,)	EXTENSION OF DEADLINESAND
BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)	IGWA'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)	TIME
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)	
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND)	
TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY)	

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, and responds to the Hearing Officer's May 2, 2006, *Order Inviting Responses to Motions for Changes in Scheduling Order* as requested by *Pocatello's Motion for Extension of Deadlines and to Reset Hearing* filed by the City of Pocatello ("Pocatello") and *IGWA's Separate Motion for Extension of Time* filed by the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators ("IGWA").

The Director wishes each party to address the deadlines set in this case, including the hearing, which is currently scheduled to commence on May 31, 2006. The Director also requests that the parties address what would be the best date for expert rebuttal

reports. As requested, Reclamation responds by joining in the response of the Surface Water Coalition filed on May 8, 2006 and entitled *Surface Water Coalition's Response to IGWA / Pocatello Extension Motions and Request for Status Conference*. Reclamation believes that the schedule set out by the Surface Water Coalition provides for sufficient additional time for both expert depositions to occur in June as well as for the parties' experts to review the depositions in order to submit expert rebuttal reports by its suggested deadline of August 7, 2006. Moreover, Reclamation agrees that the hearing date needs to be extended to September 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of May, 2006.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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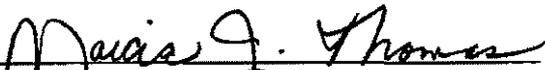
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