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# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR ADA COUNTY

## IDAHO GROUND WATER APPROPRIATORS, INC.,

Petitioner,

vs.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and MATHEW WEAVER in his capacity as the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Respondents,

vs.

AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2, MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT, BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY, CITY OF POCATELLO, CITY OF BLISS, CITY OF BURLEY, CITY OF CAREY, CITY OF DECLO, CITY OF DIETRICH, CITY OF GOODING, CITY OF HAZELTON, CITY OF HEYBURN, CITY OF JEROME, CITY OF PAUL, CITY OF RICHFIELD, CITY OF RUPERT, CITY OF SHOSHONE, CITY OF WENDELL, BONNEVILLE-JEFFERSON GROUND WATER DISTRICT, and the BINGHAM GROUND WATER DISTRICT, Intervenors.

Case No. CV01-23-13173

## STIPULATED MOTION TO EXTEND STAY

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY AND 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

Petitioner Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA"), Respondents Mathew Weaver and the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR"), and the Intervenors American Falls Reservoir District No. 2, Minidoka Irrigation District, A&B Irrigation District, Burley Irrigation District, Milner Irrigation District, North Side Canal Company, and Twin Falls Canal Company (the "SWC"), Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District and Bingham Ground Water District ("Ground Water Districts"), Cities of Bliss, Burley, Carey, Declo, Dietrich, Gooding, Hazelton, Heyburn, Jerome, Paul, Richfield, Rupert, Shoshone and Wendell (collectively, "Coalition of Cities"), and City of Pocatello, jointly hereby move this Court for an order extending the stay of the appeal in the above-captioned matter until December 31, 2027, the end of the initial term of the parties' stipulated mitigation plan and memorandum of agreement (the "2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan").

On July 8, 2024, the parties filed a *Stipulated Motion to Extended Stay* requesting a stay of proceedings in this appeal until October 1, 2024. The motion was granted pursuant to the *Order Granting Stipulated Motion for Stay* entered July 16, 2024.

On October 1, 2024, the parties filed a *Stipulation and Joint Motion to Extend Stay* requesting an extension of the stay until November 1, 2024. The motion was granted pursuant to the *Order Granting Stipulated Motion to Extend Stay* entered October 8, 2024.

On November 1, 2024, the parties filed a *Stipulated Motion to Extended Stay* requesting an extension of the stay until December 1, 2024. The motion was granted pursuant to the *Order Granting Stipulated Motion to Extend Stay* entered November 1, 2024.

On December 3, 2024, the parties filed a *Stipulated Motion to Extend Stay* requesting an extension of the stay until January 31, 2025, or until IDWR approves the 2024 Stipulated

Mitigation Plan. The stay request further stated that if "the stipulated mitigation plan is approved prior to January 31, 2025, the parties will file a joint motion to stay this proceeding during the term of the mitigation plan."

The stay was requested to enable the parties to review and formally approve the proposed stipulated mitigation plan and memorandum of agreement. The parties' 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan was submitted to IDWR for approval on November 19, 2024. After completion of the publication of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan, IDWR approved the plan and issued the *Final Order Approving Stipulated Mitigation Plan* on January 3, 2025.

Pursuant to the terms of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan and the *Final Order* Approving Stipulated Mitigation Plan, the parties shall request a stay of litigation of the abovecaptioned case during the term of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan.

Therefore, the parties respectfully move the Court to extend the stay of this appeal until the end of the initial term of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan on December 31, 2027, and to set a status conference on or shortly before December 31, 2027, so that the parties can provide an update to the Court.

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