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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

In Re SRBA	)	Subcase Numbers: 51-10499 et al.
	)	See Attachment 1
Case No. 39576	)	
	)	
	)	AFFIDAVIT OF FREDRIC W. PRICE
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State of Idaho	)	
	)	ss.
County of Ada	)	

I Fredric W. Price, being of lawful age, and having first been duly sworn, state the following:

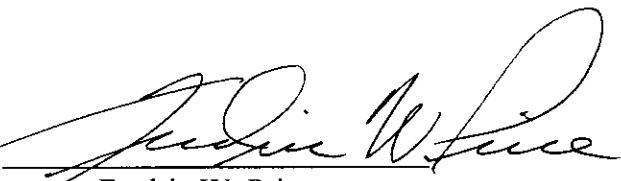
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1. My present position is that of Water Rights Specialist for the United States, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (hereinafter "BLM"), Idaho State Office. My current responsibilities include coordinating the BLM's efforts for the Snake River Basin Adjudication (hereinafter "SRBA") in Idaho. I provide guidance and technical support to the State Director, Field Office Managers, and technical specialists in BLM field offices, particularly those specialists working in water rights and related issues. I develop training, guidance, and agency policy on water issues and in other programs affected by water rights, such as the range management and realty programs. I also review, interpret and analyze water rights claims for preparing opinions, recommendations, objections, and other SRBA documents to the Department of Justice.

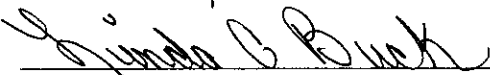
2. I've been working with BLM's many field offices to produce affidavits for thousands of BLM claims containing a federal reserve basis. These affidavits facilitate evidentiary hearings held pursuant to I.C. § 42-1411(a). There are thousands of subcases to review since settlement with objecting parties and decisions by Judge Burdick. We started the research for these affidavits prior to the Court scheduling subcases for evidentiary hearing. Because we started prior to Court scheduling, we have proceeded in generally numeric order and have completed affidavits for federal reserved right claims based on Public Water Reserve no. 107 in basins 51, 55, 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69.

3. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 31, 2003 is to cover basins 67, 69, 77, 78, and 79. Unfortunately, the BLM office responsible for basins 77, 78, and 79 has been preparing affidavits for basins 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86. Basins 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 are not scheduled for evidentiary hearing until September 25, 2003. It was an oversight on my part that I did not redirect that office's workload, from basins 81 through 86 to basins 77 through 79, once we had received official schedules.

4. Other BLM offices have completed affidavits for federal claims in basin 63 which is scheduled for evidentiary hearing on August 13, 2003; and basins 51, 55, 61, and 65 which are scheduled for evidentiary hearing on August 14, 2003.

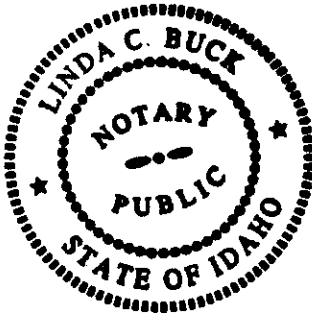

Fredric W. Price

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of July, 2003.
Witnessed by my hand and official seal.


Notary Public for State of Idaho

Residing at: Mountain Home, ID

My Commission Expires: 12-21-05



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 7-30, 2003, I served a true and correct copy of foregoing **AFFIDAVIT OF FREDRIC W. PRICE; SUBCASE NUMBER: 51-10499 et al, together with Attachment 1** upon the following individuals by placing the document in the United States Mail in Boise, Idaho, postage paid, and addressed as follows:

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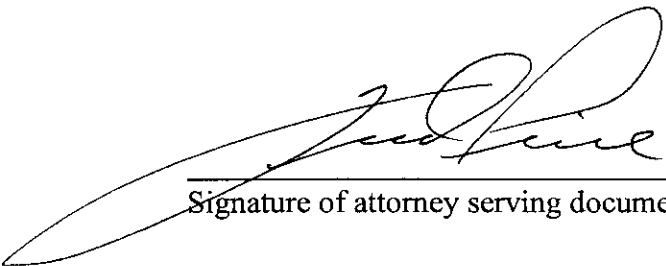
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