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TWIN FALLS CO., IDAHO
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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)
Case No. 39576) Subcase 86-11785
) (USDI/BLM)
)
) SPECIAL MASTER REPORT

Findings of Fact

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report for Domestic and Stockwater, Reporting Area 22 (IDWR Basin 86)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended 86-11785 to the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657, for .02 cfs from a spring for year-round stockwater use in Latah County with a priority date of November 8, 1895, based on beneficial use. The Director also noted: "This water right is also claimed based on federal law with an April 17, 1926, date of priority pursuant to an Executive Order signed the same date and known as Public Water Reserve 107."

On June 2, 1999, the State of Idaho filed an *Objection* in subcase 86-11785 objecting to priority date ("If this water right exists, the State Law based portion of this right should have a priority date no earlier than June 28, 1934.") and alleging that the water right should not exist.

On August 29, 2002, the United States and certain private parties filed a *Stipulation* in multiple subcases, including 86-11785, and an *Order Granting Withdrawal* was entered on September 5, 2002. On April 21, 2003, an *Order Dismissing State of Idaho Objections* was entered based on the parties' *Stipulation to Resolve Objections*.

An I.C. §42-1411A hearing was held on September 25, 2003, for the United States to demonstrate a *prima facie* case of the existence of the water rights established under federal law (even though objections to the claims were filed). On the date of the hearing, the United States submitted an affidavit by Frederic W. Price (a BLM water rights specialist) who said the land

surrounding claim 86-11785 was unreserved federal public land as of April 17, 1926, the water source was confirmed by field investigation and there is sufficient surface water at the site for consumption by livestock.

Conclusions of Law

The United States of America is entitled to a partial decree adjudicating a federal reserved water right under claim 86-11785 as described in the attached *Special Master Recommendation for Partial Decree for Water Right 86-11785*.

DATED October 31, 2003.


TERRENCE A. DOLAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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Water Right(s): 86-11785

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I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on October 31, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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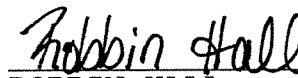
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On October 31, 2003, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

Pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1, Section 13a, any party to the adjudication including parties to the subcase, may file a Motion to Alter or Amend on or before the 28th day of the next month.

Failure of any party in the adjudication to pursue or participate in a Motion to Alter or Amend the SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION shall constitute a waiver of the right to challenge it before the Presiding Judge.

DATED October 31, 2003.



ROBBIN HALL
Deputy Clerk