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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

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

In Re SRBA

Case No. 39576

) Subcases 51-02002, *et al.* [Exhibit A]
) (Riddle Ranches/Jackson)
) Subcases 51-12756, *et al.* [Exhibit B]
) Subcases 51-12767, *et al.* [Exhibit C]
) (US/Shoshone-Paiute Tribes)
)
) ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
) EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

On February 9, 2006, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes filed their *Objection to Entry of Consent Decree and Motion for Extension of Time to Respond*. In their *Objection and Motion*, the Tribes objected to the January 9, 2006 *Joint Motion for Approval of Consent Decree and Entry of Partial Final Decrees* filed by the United States and the State of Idaho. The Tribes also requested a 30 day extension of time to further respond to the *Joint Motion* because the Tribes were recently informed by the United States that

[T]he United States has terminated the fiscal year 2006 account to reimburse tribal attorney's fees. . . . As a result, it is not clear whether the Tribes can continue to retain counsel. An extension of time is essential to allow the Tribes a period of time to determine a course of action to address legal representation at this particularly critical juncture in the SRBA water right proceedings relating to the Tribes' Indian reserved water rights in Idaho.

The Tribes further stated that the United States has agreed to the extension of time, but the State objects.

In view of the unique circumstances and the relatively short extension requested, it is appropriate that the *Motion*, with certain modifications, be granted without further delay.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Tribes' *Motion for Extension of Time to Respond* is **granted**. The following dates shall apply:

February 27, 2006

Deadline to file reply briefs regarding motion for entry of partial consent decree and objections thereto.

March 10, 2006

Deadline for Tribes to file final objections and memoranda.

March 17, 2006

Deadline for all other parties to file responsive memoranda.

**March 23, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

Hearing on motion for entry of partial consent decree and objections thereto:

SRBA Courthouse
253 3rd Avenue North
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Telephone participation will **not** be allowed. In the event further litigation is required, the parties must be prepared for abbreviated settings.

DATED February 13, 2006.



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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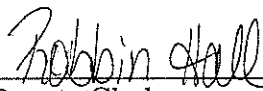
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