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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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

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A. Subcase 27-4165
(Insert water right number)

STANDARD FORM 1
OBJECTION

Please **print or type** the following information:

B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OBJECTING

Name: City of Blackfoot
Attention Ron Harwell
Public Works Director
Address: 157 N. Broadway
Blackfoot, ID 83221
Daytime Phone: 208-785-8600
Email: ron@cityblackfoot.org

Name & Address of Attorney, if any:

Christopher H. Meyer
Givens Pursley LLP
601 W. Bannock St.
P.O. Box 2720
Boise, ID 83701
Daytime Phone: 208-388-1236
Facsimile: 208-388-1300
Email: chris Meyer@givenspursley.com

C. CLAIMANT OF WATER RIGHT AS LISTED IN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Name: City of Blackfoot
Address: 157 N. Broadway
Blackfoot, ID 83221

D. I object to the following elements as recommended in the Director's Report. (Please check the appropriate box(es)).

1. ☐ **Name and Address**

Should be: City of Blackfoot
157 N. Broadway
Blackfoot, ID 83221

2. ☐ **Source**

Should be: Groundwater

3. ☒ **Quantity**

Should be: 4.45 cfs (no annual volume)
Diversion of water from the well located in SWSW, §30,
T2S, R35E (Well #11) shall not exceed 4.00 cfs.

4. ☐ **Priority Date**

Should be: 04/25/1960

5. ☒ **Point(s) of Diversion**

Should be:

POD Description	Common name
T3S R35E §4 SENESW	Well #6
T3S R35E §4 SWNWNE Lot 2	Well #8
T3S R35E §3 NWSWNE	Well #7
T3S R35E §2 SENWNW	Well #5
T3S R35E §10 NWNWNW	Well #4
T3S R35E §3 SWNESE	Well #3
T2S R35E §35 NENWNE	Well #9
T3S R35E §10 NESWNE	Well #10
T2S R35E §30 SESWSW	Well #11

6. ☐ **Instream Flow Description**

Should be: _____

7. ☐ **Purpose(s) of Use**

Should be: Municipal

8. ☐ **Period of Year**

Should be: 1/1 to 12/31

9. ☒ **Place of Use**

Should be: Place of use is within the service area of the City of
Blackfoot municipal water supply system, including areas
outside the city limits, as provided for under Idaho law.

11. **I object because:**

- ☐ This water right should not exist.
- ☒ This water right was not recommended, but should be recommended with the elements described above.

E. REASONS SUPPORTING OBJECTION(S):

The IDWR should not have reduced the diversion rate for this right.

The IDWR should not have included an annual volume limitation. This particular volume limitation does not limit the use of the right, because it is quantified based on "24-7-365" use, but its inclusion is contrary to the nature of a municipal water right and tends to be confusing.

Water Right Nos. 27-2142 and 27-4165 are located within the same quarter-quarter, but are different water rights based on different wells. Water Right No. 27-4165 was developed as a beneficial use right on 4-25-1960 (the old Lansing Street Well) and is supported by a statutory claim filed in 1983. That well was subsequently abandoned and replaced by another well (Well #6) in the same quarter-quarter for which licensed right 27-2142 was obtained. However, the water rights were not transferred from one well to another. Rather, both rights are independent municipal water rights held by the City.

This is a municipal water right. Under Idaho law, municipal water rights held by municipal providers for reasonably anticipated future needs are deemed to be beneficially used. No annual volume limit should be included for a municipal water right.

To the extent any quantity of water under this right is not currently being diverted, such portion of the original right has been transferred by accomplished transfer to beneficial use for future need purposes.

The City operates an integrated delivery system in which each well serves as an alternative point of diversion for every other well. This is reflected in prior approved Transfer Nos. 5787 and 68933. Accordingly, we have listed each of the PODs associated with those transfers. Those transfers inadvertently listed the Lansing Street Well instead of Well #9. This error has been corrected here. The City also has a pending application to add Well #12 (T2S R35E §35, SESE). If appropriate, that POD should be added as well.

We believe it would be helpful to clarify and expressly put the public on notice that the place of use includes areas outside of the city limits.

Regarding municipal water rights, please note in particular the following guidance documents: Operations Division Administrator's Memorandum from A. Kenneth Dunn to District Engineers dated April 7, 1975; Memorandum from Phil Rassier to Dave Tuthill dated May 7, 1979; Administrator's Memorandum, from Norman Young to Regional Offices and Water Allocation Section dated November 5, 1979; Memorandum from L. Glen Saxton to Water Allocation Bureau, Adjudication Bureau, and Regional Offices dated March 18, 1998; Letter from Karl J. Dreher to Christopher H. Meyer dated June 14, 1999.

The City is aware of potential overlap in the claims for water right numbers 27-4165 and 27-11706.

F. VERIFICATION (Must be Completed)

State of Idaho)
) ss.
County of Ada)

Christopher H. Meyer, duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
(Name of person filing objection)

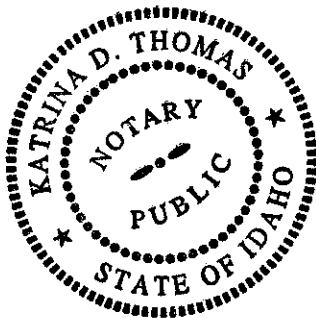
That I am the party/claimant filing this objection as defined by I.C. §§ 42-1401A(1) and (6) or that I am the attorney for the party/claimant responding and that I have read this objection, know its contents and believe that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of person filing objection)

Christopher H. Meyer

(Attorney signing in representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: March 16, 2006



Katrina Thomas
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Boise ID
My Commission Expires: 4-10-06

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING

You must mail the objection to the Clerk of the Court. **FAX filings will not be accepted.** You must also send a copy to all the parties listed below in the Certificate of Mailing.

G. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on March 16, 2006, I mailed the original and copies of this response, including all attachments, to the following persons:

1. Original (via overnight mail) to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
PO Box 2707
Twin Falls, ID 83303-2707

2. One copy to the claimant of the water right at the following address:

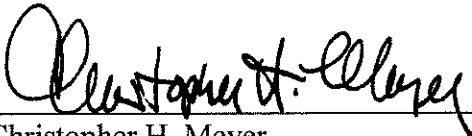
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3. Copies to:

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