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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)
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Case No. 39576)
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A. Subcase No. 29-273

STANDARD FORM 2
RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON RESPONDING:

Name: Minidoka Irrigation District
Address: 98 West 50 South
Rupert, Idaho 83350

Name and Address of Attorney:

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C. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO FILED OBJECTION TO WHICH YOU
ARE RESPONDING:

Name: City of Pocatello
Address: P.O. Box 4169
Pocatello, ID 83205

D. I am responding to the objection(s) to the following elements:

1. ☐ Name and Address

2. ☒ Source
3. ☒ Quantity
4. ☒ Priority Date
5. ☒ Point(s) of Diversion
6. ☐ Instream Flow Description
7. ☒ Purpose(s) of Use
8. ☐ Period of Year
9. ☒ Place of Use
10. ☒ Claimant's Proposed General Provisions
11. Recommendation:
 - ☐ This water right should not exist
 - ☐ This water right was not recommended, but should be recommended with the elements described above.

BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR RESPONSE.

In its Amended Objection filed on or about November 19, 2003, claimant City of Pocatello alleged that "all ground water points of diversion" should be included in this surface water right. Respondent is unaware of any basis for including Pocatello's ground water points of diversion as an element for this surface water right, or for including such a remark stating the same, and therefore opposes the same.

In its Amended Objection filed on or about November 19, 2003, claimant City of Pocatello alleged that the "place of uses is within the service area of the City of Pocatello municipal water supply system as provided for under Idaho law, including all lands necessary to complete the beneficial use of this municipal water right." Respondent is unaware of any basis for changing the place of use under this surface water right to the vague and undescribed place of use alleged by Pocatello, or for including such a remark stating the same, and therefore Respondent opposes the same.

In its Amended Objection filed on or about November 19, 2003, claimant City of Pocatello requested the inclusion of a general provisions regarding "source, quantity, priority date and purpose of use" that relates to Pocatello's reservoir and tank storage facilities. Respondent is unaware of any basis for the inclusion of such general provision and therefore opposes it as unnecessary to define or administer the water right.

In its Amended Objection filed on or about November 19, 2003, claimant City of Pocatello requested the inclusion of a general provisions regarding "source, quantity, priority date and purpose of use" that relate to "separate streams" and "separate administration". Respondent is unaware of any basis for the inclusion of such general provisions and therefore opposes them as unnecessary to define or administer the water right. In addition, Respondent opposes Pocatello's definition of the source for the point of diversion under this right, including the allegation that the right is "legally and physically available" from ground water sources in Basin 29.

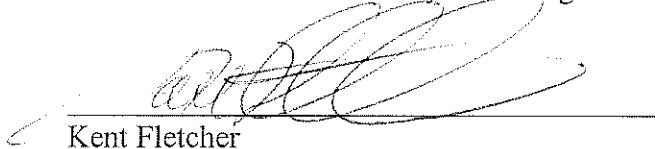
With respect to Pocatello's objection regarding a "Swan Falls" general provision, Respondent understands that this objection has been separated from Basin 29 and consolidated with similar objections as Consolidated Subcase 92-37. Accordingly, Respondent understands that this issue will not be addressed in this subcase and hereby reserves the right to participate in Consolidated Subcase 92-37.

VERIFICATION

State of IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Cassia)

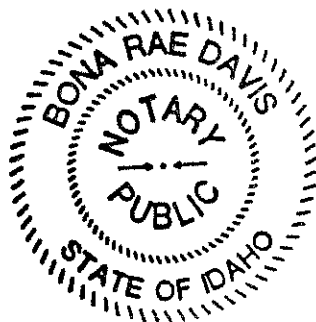
KENT FLETCHER, duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

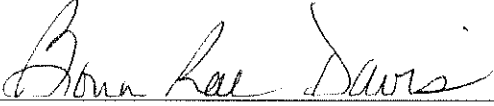
That I am the party/claimant filing this response, as defined by I.C. §§ 42-1401A(1) and (6) or that I am the attorney for the party/claimant responding, and that I have read this response, know its contents and believe that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge.



Kent Fletcher
Fletcher Law Office
Attorney for Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: May 3, 2006



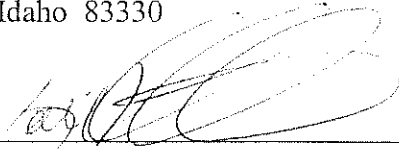


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I certify that on May 3, 2006, I mailed the original and copies of this response, including all attachments, to the following persons:

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