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Special Master Brigitte Bilyeu
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
P. O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

*Re: Status of Overlapping Water Rights on SRBA Subcase Nos.
22-7256, 22-13329*

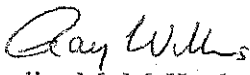
Dear Special Master Bilyeu:

This letter provides information on unreported overlapping surface water rights to the above subcases. Although the Department does not expect there to be any problem with the overlapping surface water rights to these ground water rights, because there are unreported overlapping water rights, I believe it would be prudent to not issue a Special Master's Report and Recommendation until after the surface water rights are reported.

The Department intends to issue its recommendations on the overlapping surface water rights by the end of this year.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the claimants for their information as well. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (208) 287-4810.

Very Truly Yours,


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Deputy Attorney General, IDWR

cc: Claimant
Ernest Carlsen