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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	)	A. Subcase 1-259
	)	
Case No. 39576	)	STANDARD FORM 2
	)	RESPONSE TO OBJECTION
_____	)	

B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON RESPONDING

Name: American Falls Reservoir District No. 2
Address: 112 S. Apple St.
Shoshone, ID 83352

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

Name: Peoples Canal & Irrigation Co.
Address: 1050 W. Hwy. 39
Blackfoot, ID 83221

D. I am responding to the objections to the following elements.

1. Name and Address
Should be: N/A

2. Source
Should be: See recommendation

3. Quantity

Should be: N/A

4. Priority Date

Should be: See recommendation

5. Point of Diversion

Should be: N/A

6. Instream Flow Beginning and Ending Point

Should be: N/A

7. Purpose(s) of Use

Should be: See recommendation

8. Period of Year

Should be: See recommendation

9. Place of Use

Should be: See recommendation

10. Claimant's Proposed General Provisions

Should be: Although the Objections do not request any general provisions, to the extent the Objectors' seek to have any of the references in their Objections incorporated into the partial decree as "general provisions", Respondents disagree for the reasons set forth below.

11. Recommendation on Response.

The water right should be decreed as previously decreed and recommended. With respect to the source, there is no basis in fact or law to add the language requested by the Objector that would purportedly bifurcate and somehow change the source designation of individual groundwater rights held by "shareholders or interest holders" of the Objector. Licensed and decreed groundwater rights held by individuals that may be located within the Objectors' service area and that identify a specific source, i.e. groundwater, cannot be changed by an objection to the above-referenced surface water right held by the Objector.

In addition, the source for the surface water claim has been previously determined by a prior decree and cannot be changed by way of an objection in the SRBA. With respect to the priority date, there is no basis in fact or law to add the language requested by the Objector that would purportedly change the priority date for licensed or decreed groundwater rights held by individual "shareholders or interest holders" of the Objector.

With respect to the purpose of use and period of year, there is no basis in fact or law to add the "groundwater recharge" and year round use requested by the Objector.

This water right was previously decreed for irrigation purposes, which does not include a year-round recharge use.

With respect to the place of use, there is no basis in fact or law to include the remark that would purportedly change the place of use of this previously decreed surface water right, or the place of use identified in licensed or decreed groundwater rights held by individual "shareholders or interest holders" of the Objector. Finally, there is no basis in fact or law for the "separate stream" provision sought by the Objector.

E. . VERIFICATION

State of Idaho)
)ss.
County of Gooding)

C. Tom Arkoosh, duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

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



C. Tom Arkoosh
Attorney for American Falls Reservoir No. 2

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: December 4, 2006



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G. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on December 4, 2006, I mailed the original and copies of this response, including all attachments, to the following persons:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
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2. One copy to the claimant of the water right at the following address:

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Rexburg, ID 83440-0250

3. Copies to:

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