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DISTRICT COURT-SRBA Fifth Judicial District County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho	
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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

In Re SRBA

Case No. 39576

) ORDER OF REFERENCE APPOINTING
) BRIGETTE BILYEU SPECIAL MASTER
) FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ON
) MOTION TO FILE LATE CLAIM
)

) For Water Right Claim 29-13779, 29-13781
)

This matter came before this Court pursuant to a *Motion to File a Late Claim* heard July 17, 2007. No party filed an objection or appeared in opposition to the *Motion*. Following a review of the files and after hearing the comments made in open court, the Court finds that the Claimant has demonstrated an excuse for the untimely filing of the subject late claim and a meritorious position, both of which are elements of the "good cause" standard for filing a late claim as required by *SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AOI)* 4.d.(2)(d) and I.R.C.P. 55(c). However, the element of prejudice to other parties, if any, that may arise by the late claim was not resolved. The Court places emphasis on this element because the irrigation and other purposes water rights in Basin 29 were reported June 18, 1992. A new late claim on a fully decreed source potentially puts parties with rights on the same source in the position of re-litigating issues that have already been decided or settled through negotiations, or in the position of addressing new issues that should have been properly raised at the time the source of the subject claim was initially reported and litigated.

Therefore, THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY ORDERED;

This matter is referred to Special Master Brigitte Bilyeu for further proceedings to determine the degree of prejudice with respect to the foregoing concerns raised by this Court, if

any, to other parties on the same claimed source. If the Special Master finds no such prejudice, then to recommend to this Court that the late claim be granted.

The Special Master shall set proceedings in conformity with *AOI*, section 9, notwithstanding the provisions of I.R.C.P. 53(d)(1), and exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in every hearing and to do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of her duties under this *Order*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 18, 2007



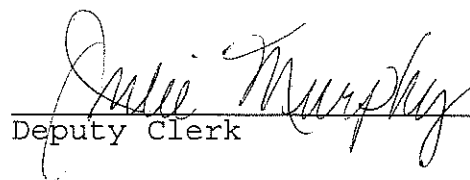
John M. Melanson
Presiding Judge
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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