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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

Subcase Nos. 01-23B, 01-297, 35-2543, 35-4246

Case No. 39576

AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN T. HOWSER

STATE OF IDAHO)
 ss:
County of Bannock)

Steven T. Howser, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

1. My name is Steven T. Howser and I am currently the General Manager of Claimant Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company (the "Company"). I have served in that capacity continuously since October, 1998.

2. As manager of the Company, I oversee the day-to-day operations of the Company and its facilities, and am personally familiar with the Company's water rights, the diversion of water from the Snake River within Water District 01 and from the Company's ground water wells, the delivery to and beneficial use thereof by the Company's shareholders, together with all of the records

of the Company and the records of Water District 01 pertaining to the diversion and delivery of the Company's water rights.

3. I am personally familiar with the Company's Water Rights Nos. 01-23B, 01-297, 35-2543 and 35-4246, together with the Water Right Recommendation for each right set forth in the Amended Director's Report dated March 21, 2008.

4. The Company operates its water delivery system on a demand basis, whereby water is diverted only during times when the Company's shareholders need water for beneficial use. Accordingly, the Company's diversion records reflect beneficial use of water within the service area of the Company.

5. Water Right No. 01-23B authorizes the diversion of 1,172.1 cubic feet per second (cfs) for irrigation purposes within the Company's service area. The Company normally diverts and beneficially uses the full authorized quantity under Water Right No. 01-23B when available.

6. Water Right No. 01-23B includes a right to recharge 389.5 cfs for irrigation purposes. The Company's diversion of water for recharge under Water Right No. 01-23B is derivative of the Company's surface water irrigation diversions under Water Right No. 01-23B, and is based upon a formula developed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources for calculating recharge.

7. Water Right No. 1-297 authorizes the diversion of 230 cfs for irrigation purposes within the Company's service area. The Company diverts and beneficially uses the full authorized quantity under this right when the water is available and needed by the Company's shareholders.

8. Water Right Nos. 35-4246 and 35-2543 are ground water rights that are diverted from wells adjacent to the Company's main canal. Water available under these ground water rights is pumped directly into the Company's surface water delivery system for delivery to the Company's

shareholders. The Company regularly diverts and beneficially uses the maximum authorized quantity available under Water Right Nos. 35-4246 and 35-2543.

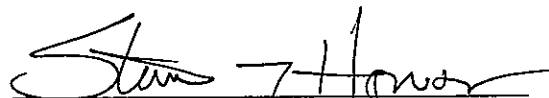
9. The date that the Company begins delivering water to its shareholders on a given year depends upon water and weather conditions. Over the last 100 years, the Company has begun delivering water to its shareholders on an average on April 17, though the Company has at times began delivering water as early as April 1 or as late as May.

10. The Place of Use of each of the Company's above-identified water rights is the service area of the Company. In conjunction with the Snake River Basin Adjudication, I personally undertook to inventory the Company's service area, using the legal descriptions shown on stock certificates issued to the Company's shareholders. This information was compared with on-the-ground verification of lands serviced by the Company and then incorporated into a GIS map that was jointly edited by myself and Ernie Carlson of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

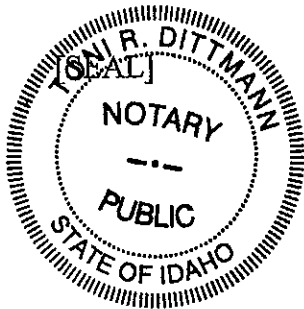
11. Based upon the foregoing and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Water Right Recommendations contained in the Amended Director's Report for the Company's Water Right Nos. 01-23B, 01-297, 35-2543 and 35-4246 are true and correct and accurately reflect each element of these water rights. Accordingly, it is my further opinion that each water right should be partially decreed as recommended.

FURTHER, your Affiant saith not.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2009.


STEVEN T. HOWSER

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 25TH day of March, 2009.



T. R. Dittmann
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at American Falls
My commission expires October 10, 2012