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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. 37-02576, 37-02656, 37-02681,
	)	37-07391, 37-07645, 37-07856, 37-08003,
Case No. 39576	)	37-08196
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	)	RESPONSE OF JOHN F. STEVENSON
	)	TO SINCLAIR AND NEWFOUNDLAND'S
	)	SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES,
	)	REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION AND
	)	REQUEST FOR INSPECTION TO JOHN
	)	F. STEVENSON
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COMES NOW, Claimant, JOHN F. STEVENSON, by and through his attorneys of record, Barker Rosholt & Simpson LLP, in response to Sinclair and Newfoundland's Second Set of Discovery Requests to JOHN F. STEVENSON, hereby makes the following responses in accordance with the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. JOHN F. STEVENSON objects to the Requests for Admission, Interrogatories, and Requests for Production and to the definitions and instructions to the extent they purport to require discovery responses beyond that required under the local rules and orders of the Idaho

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Rules of Civil Procedure. These responses are provided in accordance with the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure irrespective of any definitions and instructions that may accompany the discovery requests.

2. These responses are made subject to all objections as to competence, relevance, materiality, and admissibility. These responses are subject to all objections that would require the exclusion of any statement, material, or information herein provided if such requests were asked of, or any statement, material, or information provided were made by witness present and testifying in court. All such objections are reserved and may be interposed at the time of trial.

3. Claimant specifically objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the accountant-client privilege, the work product doctrine, and the rules governing discovery relating to experts as set forth in Rule 26(b)(4). This objection is intended to apply to each of the discovery requests that seek such information and will not be repeated specifically for each request to which it applies. JOHN F. STEVENSON, to the extent possible, construed each request as requesting only information and/or documents not subject to any applicable protection.

4. No incidental or implied admissions are intended. The fact that JOHN F. STEVENSON has responded to any discovery request or part thereof should not be taken as an admission that JOHN F. STEVENSON accepts that the discovery request or the response or objection thereto constitutes admissible evidence. Similarly, the fact that JOHN F. STEVENSON has responded to all or part of a request is not intended to and shall not be construed to be a waiver by JOHN F. STEVENSON of all or part of any objection to other requests. JOHN F. STEVENSON's answers to any discovery request herein does not constitute

a waiver of its right to object to any future additional, or supplemental discovery requests regarding the same or similar matters.

5. Each of these objections is incorporated into the response to each of the Admissions, Interrogatories, and each of the Requests for Production of Documents as though set forth verbatim therein.

6. Claimant objects to the discovery requests directed at water rights which were not objected to by Objectors on the grounds that such discovery is unduly burdensome, oppressive and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7. Claimant objects to discovery directed at water rights subject to previous transfers and licenses on the grounds that there is no legal basis for challenging these rights and that such requests are not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Claimant has provided Objectors with an outline of such rights, as agreed upon at the initial hearings. See attached. Objectors have not responded or provided any legal basis for objecting to any of these rights. Therefore, Claimant will not respond to discovery associated with these rights.

8. To the extent that objectors' objections relate only to the season of use or period of use of some of these rights, these discovery requests are not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, are unduly burdensome and served only for the purposes of harassment and unnecessary costs of litigation, and with respect to such rights and claimant will not respond to discovery unrelated to the period of use for those rights which were objected to on the grounds of period of use.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: Please identify each and every individual known to you who has any knowledge of, or who claims to have knowledge of, the claims before the Snake River Basin

adjudication in Subcases 37-02576, 37-02656, 37-02681, 37-07391, 37-07645, 37-07856, 37-08003, and 37-08196, hereinafter referred to collectively as “Rights.”

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8: See Answer to Interrogatory No. 2. To the extent Interrogatory No. 8 seeks information about people who have knowledge of the claims as opposed to knowledge of the water rights, Claimant is not aware of any other persons with knowledge of the “claims” as opposed to the rights.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: With respect to the Rights claimed, please identify the location(s) and type(s) of any and all diversions for irrigation, stockwater, or other uses, and describe the conveyance and distribution system associated with each diversion structure; please include, but not limited to identification of pump specifications, topographic mapping of piping and ditch diagrams.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 9: The rights that Sinclair and Newfoundland have objected to are not stockwater or other use rights and therefore there is no such diversion for stockwater or other uses. The groundwater rights objected to are pumped from wells to sprinkler irrigation systems.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: Please identify any and all engineering, survey or other data, calculations or drawings depicting the location and/or hydraulic design of the diversions and/or distribution system related to the Rights.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 10: This information is contained in the IDWR back files which Objectors have obtained for these rights.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: Please identify each and every individual known to you who has any knowledge of, or who claims to have knowledge of, the diversion, irrigation or distribution

system, together with their address, associated expertise and qualifications, and registration as a professional, if applicable.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 11: See Answers to Interrogatories Nos. 2 and 8.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12: Please identify any and all reports, data and results of evaluation of properties of soils or other materials underlying the place of use associated with the Rights.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 12: Claimant does not maintain such reports or data.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13: Please identify any and all measurements, tests, evaluation or other analysis of operational seepage rates performed on any ditches or other channels conveying water pursuant to the Rights and/or any evaporation from any ponds or impoundments associated with irrigation under the Rights.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 13: These rights are groundwater rights delivered to sprinklers. Claimant is unaware of any ditches, channels or ponds relating to these rights which might have any such measurements, tests or evaluations conducted.

INTERROGATORY NO. 14: Please identify all calculations, drawings, design or other data associated with sprinkler irrigation systems installed on the real property associated with the Rights.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 14: Claimant is not aware of such calculations at this time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 15: Please identify any and all data or analysis related to water quality performed on any water associated with the Rights, specifically including, but not limited to ground and surface water evaluation of dissolved oxygen, temperature, nutrients, and/or chemical evaluations.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 15: Claimant objects to this request on the grounds that it is unrelated to any of the Objections and is not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Without waiving this objection, Claimant has performed no water quality analysis on any of the water delivered under any of these rights.

INTERROGATORY NO. 16: Please identify each and every individual known to you who has any knowledge of, or who claims to have knowledge of, technical aspects of the irrigation facilities associated with the Rights, including, but not limited to irrigation operations, facilities, use of facilities, equipment, design, construction, irrigation system wells, water measuring devices, surface water control, scheduling data and procedures, surface runoff rate and control and irrigation water management. Your answer should include identification of both governmental and private individuals.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 16: See Answers to Interrogatories No. 2, 8 and 11. The principal governmental individuals who would have such knowledge would be representatives of the Idaho Department of Water Resources who evaluated these rights.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14: Please produce copies of any and all documents relied upon, identified in, or responsive to your answers to each of the above-stated interrogatories.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14: The Idaho Department of Water Resources files concerning these rights are already in the possession of objectors and will not be reproduced and produced herewith.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15: Please produce specifications and other data regarding any flow measuring devices installed and/or operational for measurement of the total ditch flow and/or diversions discharge.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15: Claimant has not located any such records.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16: Please produce the results, data and/or analysis of any flow measuring device installed and/or operational for measurement of the total ditch flow and/or diversion discharge.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16: See response to request for production no 15.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17: Please produce any and all Farm Service Agency crop data or imagery, specifically including, but not limited to acreages and crop type for farms served by irrigation water associated with the Rights.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17: Claimant does not maintain such records.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18: Please produce any and all water master delivery records associated with the Rights for the preceding twenty (20) years.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18: The water master delivery records are not in the possession of Claimant. Delivery records during the pendency of the adjudication are irrelevant and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence under the Facilities Volume Decision of this Court.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19: Please produce any and all discharge measurement data and records and pump power records for wells (with place of use identified) associated the Rights.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19: Claimant does not maintain discharge measurement data. Delivery records during the pendency of the adjudication are irrelevant and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence under the Facilities Volume Decision of this Court. Without waving this objection, Claimant will produce power records at a mutually convenient time and location, if Objector will identify the relevant time period.

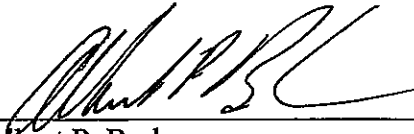
REQUEST FOR INSPECTION

Please make arrangements to permit entry upon irrigated land in your control to enable inspection, analyses, measuring, surveying, and testing of the facilities, soils and operations.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INSPECTION: Claimant objects to Objectors' request for inspection of property on the grounds that it seeks information not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence in this matter. The Request for Inspection is overbroad and undefined. Objectors must identify the specific inspection, analyses, measuring, surveying, and testing that they intend to conduct, the time it will take, what equipment will be used, whether destructive testing of any kind is requested. Objectors must further identify the persons and their qualifications who intend to conduct said inspections, analyses, measuring, surveying, and testing, and identify the purpose for which such inspections, analyses, measurements, surveying, and testing are intended. Any testing permitted on any parcel of property must be tailored to the specific objection raised to the water right on that property and not be a "fishing expedition" on Claimant's property.

DATED this 20th day of July 2009

BARKER ROSHOLT & SIMPSON LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert P. Barker', is written over a horizontal line.

Albert P. Barker

Attorney for Claimant John F. Stevenson

VERIFICATION

I, JOHN F. STEVENSON, declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that I have read the Response of John F. Stevenson to Sinclair and Newfoundland's Second Set of Interrogatories, Requests for Production and Request for Inspection to John F. Stevenson above are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: _____

John F. Stevenson

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 20th day of July, 2009, I mailed the original and copies of the **RESPONSE OF JOHN F. STEVENSON TO SINCLAIR AND NEWFOUNDLAND'S SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES, REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO JOHN F. STEVENSON** to the following persons, by mailing the original and/or copies, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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