

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re the General Adjudication)
of the Rights to the Use of Water)
from the Snake River Basin)
Water System)
_____)

Case No. 36-10926 -0001

The State of Idaho, ex rel.)
R. Keith Higginson in his)
official capacity as Director)
of the Idaho Department of)
Water Resources,)

RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

Petitioner,)

36-10926 -0001/
93-08-0469

vs.)

The United States; the State)
of Idaho; and all Claimants to)
the use of water from the Snake)
River Basin Water System,)

Respondents.)
_____)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Person responding to objection:

Name: R. KEITH HIGGINSON, DIRECTOR

Address: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

IDWR is required to file a response to an objection to part
I of the director's report pursuant to I.C. section 42-1412(2).

(Over)

2. Person who filed objection:

Name: MICHAEL & KATHERINE BRANCHFLOWER
Address: PO BOX 392
WENDELL ID 83355

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): NICHOLAS B. SPENCER
Attorney Address: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL(S)
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449
Attorney Phone No.: (208) 327-7900

II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

14. ☒ Other: I respond to the objection concerning:
General Provision 4

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection item 14, and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows.

IDWR denies the objection.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director proposes no changes to the description of this claim in the Director's Report.

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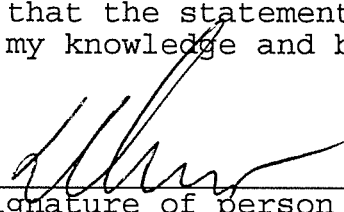
VERIFICATION (Must be Completed)

State of IDAHO

County of ADA

David B. Shaw, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, is a party to this proceeding, as defined by I.C. 42-1401A(1) and (7); that I am the Adjudication Bureau Chief for IDWR and am authorized by R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of IDWR, to verify this response; and that I have read the foregoing response, know its contents and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



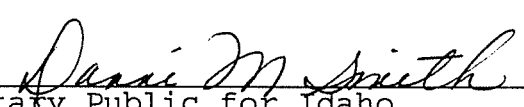
Signature of person filing response

By:



(Attorney signing in
representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of August,
1993.



Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at: _____

My Commission, expires _____
Danni Smith, Notary Public

Residing at Boise, Idaho

My Commission Expires December 5, 1994

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of AUGUST, 1993, I mailed the original and copies of the foregoing response, including all attachments, to the following persons, by mailing the original and/or true and correct copies, postage prepared and addressed as follows:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

2. One copy to the owner of the water right, and you must fill in the following information:

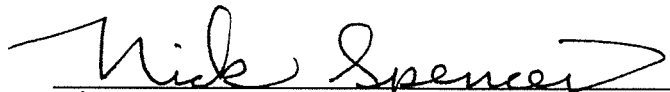
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3. One copy to the party who filed the objection, or if represented by an attorney, to their attorney; and you must fill in the following information:

Name: KEVIN F TRAINOR
Address: PO BOX 83
TWIN FALLS ID 83303-0083

4. One copy to:

United States Department of Justice
Environment and Natural Resource Division
550 West Fort Street, Box 33
Boise, Idaho 83734



Signature of Respondent or attorney
mailing on Respondent's behalf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: A36-10926
Date Received: 12/21/1988
Receipt No: S004813
Received By: lw

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

208-536-2594

1. Name: MICHAEL G. BRANCHFLOWER
Address: BOX 392
WENDELL, ID

83355

2. Date of Priority: JAN 01, 1952

3. Source: GROUNDWATER

Trib. to:

4. Point of Diversion:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4 of	1/4 of	Lot	County
08S	14E	3	NE	SE	SE		GOODING

5. Description of diverting works:
WELL & PUMP

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose	From	To	C.F.S.	(or)	A.F.A.
DOMESTIC	01/01	12/31	0.040		
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.040		

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:
0.040 C.F.S. (and/or)

A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is

Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:

D/1 HOUSE, S/100 MIXED BEEF & HOLSTEIN

10. Place of Use:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4 of	Lot	Use	Acres
08S	14E	3	SE	SE		STOCK DOMEST	

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Date: 12/21/88

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12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? YES

14. Remarks:

16. Signature(s)

Number of attachments: _____

I/We do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

State of Idaho)
County of TF) ss.

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Residing at

My Commission Expires

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re the General Adjudication
of the Rights to the Use of Water
from the Snake River Basin
Water System

Case No. 36-11060 -0001

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R. Keith Higginson in his
official capacity as Director
of the Idaho Department of
Water Resources,

RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

Petitioner,

36-11060 -0001/
93-08-0470

vs.

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Respondents.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Person responding to objection:

Name: R. KEITH HIGGINSON, DIRECTOR

Address: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

IDWR is required to file a response to an objection to part
I of the director's report pursuant to I.C. section 42-1412(2).

(Over)

2. Person who filed objection:

Name: DONNIE MC FADDEN
Address: 2726 S 1050 E
HAGERMAN ID 83332

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): NICHOLAS B. SPENCER

Attorney Address: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL(S)
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II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

3. ☒ Quantity: I respond to the objection concerning:

3c. ☒ The total quantity of water reserved for each and every purpose, including all present and future uses.

14. ☒ Other: I respond to the objection concerning:

BASIS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION.

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection item 3c., and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, IDWR responds as follows: Since this water right is not a federal reserved water right, this objection item is inapplicable and the claimant's assertion of it is in error. IDWR further responds that under Idaho law water cannot be reserved for future use, but must be appropriated and put to beneficial use before the user can acquire a water right.

Insofar as the claimant's statement in Reasons Supporting Each Box Checked of the objection that he "objected to the quantity

recommended" may be deemed an objection to items 3, 3.a and 3.b, IDWR responds as follows: (1) it recommended the amount of water it determined was being beneficially used; (2) the claimant is not entitled to any amount greater than that which is beneficially used (Idaho Code Secs. 42-104 and 42-1402).

In further response to this part of this objection, IDWR offers the following explanation. The claimant claimed a fish propagation use for 7.7 cfs of water. While the 7.7 cfs may or may not be an appropriate diversion rate for fish propagation in the claimant's pond, IDWR determined that the beneficial use of water in this case is actually recreation because there is no commercial element to the use of the water, and any fish grown in the pond are harvested on a recreational basis only. IDWR determined the diversion rate beneficially used for recreation by determining the maximum rate necessary to maintain the pond at its current level.

In response to Statement of the Objection 14, and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds that the basis for its recommendation is the same basis under which the claimant filed his claim, i.e. beneficial use. Although diverted from the same source and delivered through the same works, the water use recommended in this right is not part of right 36-00046, which was decreed in New International Mortgage Bank v. Idaho Power Company, because the recreational use of this water, which commenced in 1971, constitutes an enlargement of the use of the water beyond the decreed use of the water.

In addition, there is an error in the remarks in the description of this water right in the director's report. The recommendation should be corrected as shown in the attachment entitled "Recommended Water Rights Acquired Under State Law."

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached List of Recommended Water Rights Acquired under State Law.

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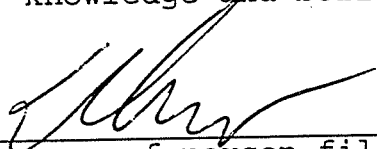
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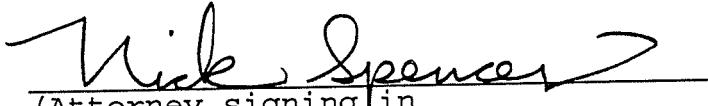
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Signature of person filing response

By:



(Attorney signing in
representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September
1993.



Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at:

My Commission expires Notary Public

Danni Smith, Notary Public
Residing at Boise, Idaho
My Commission Expires December 5, 1994

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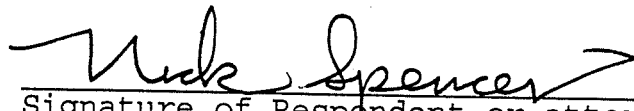
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Address: PO BOX 1906
TWIN FALLS ID 83303

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