

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. 36-13489 -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,)

vs.)

36-13489 -0001/
93-08-0501

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: US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Address: DEPT OF INTERIOR
1150 N CURTIS
BOISE ID 83706-1234

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

1. ☒ Name and Address: I respond to the objection concerning the name and/or address of the owner of the water right.
11. ☒ Remarks: I respond to the objection concerning the "remarks" listed with the water right.

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection items 1 and 11 and all allegations of the objection regarding these items, IDWR responds as follows:

IDWR is informed and therefore believes that the lands upon which water is diverted and used pursuant to this right are owned by the United States, and that the claimant uses these lands with the permission of the U.S. The United States did not file a notice of claim for the uses made pursuant to this right; and federal ownership of these lands or agreements with the federal government as to use of these lands are not necessary to define the water right. IDWR denies the objection and any allegations of the objection not expressly admitted herein.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

☒ Check here if you are submitting documents. Please list each document by the title and number of pages. You may use additional pages if necessary:

No. of
Pages

Notice of Claim No. A36-13489

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(Over)

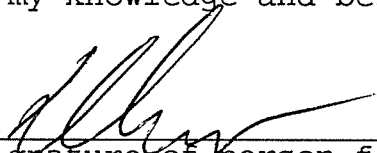
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State of IDAHO

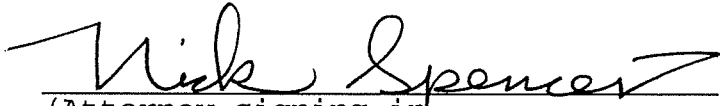
County of ADA

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.

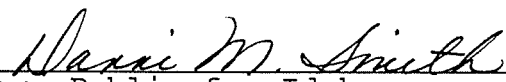


Signature of person filing response

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:

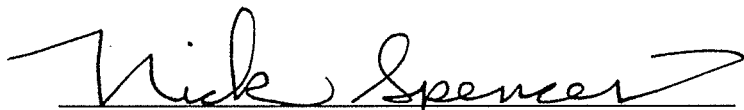
Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

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

Name: ROGER D LING
Address: PO BOX 396
RUPERT ID 83350

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: US DEPT OF JUSTICE
Address: ENVT & NAT RESOURCES DIV
550 W FORT ST BOX 33
BOISE ID 83734


Signature of Respondent or attorney
mailing on Respondent's behalf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
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IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Identification No. A36-13489

Date Received _____

Receipt Number 5010048

NOTICE OF CLAIM
TO A
WATER RIGHT

RECEIVED

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ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW
For Domestic and/or Stockwater Purposes
Where Daily Use is less than 13,000 gallons per day. Department of Water Resources
Southern Region Office

Filing Fee \$25

Please type or print clearly

1. Name of Claimant (s) A&B Irrigation District Phone (208) 436-3152Mailing Address P.O. Box 675, Rupert, Idaho Zip 833502. Date of Priority (Only one per claim) 10-22-56 Month/Day/Year3. Source of water supply (Check one) (☒ Groundwater or Other () (a) _____

which is tributary to (b) _____ Name or kind of source

4. Location of point of diversion is: Township 10 S. Range 21 E.Section 25, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Govt. Lot _____, BM.,County of Minidoka

Additional points of diversion if any: _____

5. Description of existing diversion works (Ditches, Wells, Pumps, Pipelines, Headgate Etc.), including the dates of any changes or enlargements in use, the dimensions of the diversion works as constructed and as enlarged and the depth of each well. 2 H.P. Berkley pump 200 ft. 1 1/4" pipe and pressure tank, well depth 276 ft.
static water level 239.5 ft., pump setting 260 ft., casing length 211'

6. Water is claimed for the following: (limited to Domestic and/or Stockwater only. See Instructions.)

For 2 households purposes from 1-1 to 12-31 amount 0.08 (cfs)For Unit A Pumping Plant purposes from 1-1 to 12-31 amount 0.04 (Both dates are inclusive)7. Total quantity claimed 0.12 (cfs)8. Total consumptive use claimed is de minimus

9. Non-irrigation uses. Describe fully. (Domestic: give number of households served if single ownership; Stockwater: type and Number of livestock) 2 households and Unit A Pumping Plant

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10. Place of use is: Township: 10 S. Range 21 E.

Section 25, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Govt. Lot _____, B.M.,

County of Minidoka for (Circle One) Domestic Stock Domestic and Stock

Additional places of use, if any _____

11. In which county (ies) are lands listed above as place of use located? _____

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes _____ No X * owned by Gov. under
If your answer is No, describe in Remarks below the authority you have to claim this water right. jurisdiction of A&B

13. Describe any other water rights used at the same place and for the same purposes as described above.

14. Remarks: _____

property owned by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, operated by A&B

15. Basis of Claim (Circle One) Beneficial Use Posted Notice License Permit Decree

Court _____ Decree Date _____ Plaintiff vs Defendant _____

If applicable provide IDWR Water Right Number _____

16. Signature (s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understood the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication". (b.) I/We do _____ do not X wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of Attachments 0

For Individuals: I do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant (s) _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

For Organizations: I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am Secretary-Manager

of A&B Irrigation District, that I have signed the foregoing

document in the space below as Secretary-Manager of A&B Irrigation District

and that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Agent Virgil D Temple Date 10-3-89

Title and Organization A&B Irrigation District

State of Idaho/or _____)
County of Minidoka) SS.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 3rd day of October 19 89

SEAL

Notary Public Roger D. King

Residing at Rupert Idaho

My Commission Expires 10/30/94

Last Name _____ Ident No. _____

Copies: White-State, Yellow-Claimant

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Department of Water Resources
Adjudication Bureau

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Party/Claimant responding to objection:

Name: A & B Irrigation District
Address: P.O. Box 675
Rupert, Idaho 83350

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

A & B Irrigation District, pursuant to a contract with the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, operates, maintains and has in its possession the residential home for which the domestic use of water under the claim is used. It is necessary that this domestic use of water be confirmed in the SRBA, for the protection of the claimant.

If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name: Roger D. Ling
Attorney Address: P.O. Box 396
Rupert, Idaho 83350
Attorney Phone No.: (208) 436-4717

2. Party/Claimant who filed objection:

Name: United States of America
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Department of Interior
Address: 1150 N. Curtis
Boise, Idaho 83706-1234

II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

Please check each "box" which identifies your response.

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REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In the space following, you must state the reason(s), by number, for each box checked. You may use additional pages if necessary.

In response to Statement of the Objection, items 1 and 11, and all allegations of the Objection regarding these items, claimant responds as follows:

Pursuant to a duly executed contract between claimant and the United States, the lands upon which the residence is located and water is diverted and used is in the possession of the claimant, with a duty to operate and maintain these facilities for claimant's benefit. Because of the equitable interest in this property, including the well, claimant is entitled to have its right to continue to use said water for domestic uses duly confirmed in the SRBA. The United States did not file a claim to this water right and is not entitled to have the water right decreed to it merely because it has legal title to the land. Claimant has no objections to the inclusion in the

remarks to this right that the interest of the United States in this water right is controlled by Contract No. 14-06-100-2368 between the United States and claimant, and such contract should be confirmed by this court. Sovereign immunity of the United States for the purposes of adjudicating, confirming, validating and decreeing the contractual rights of A & B Irrigation District are provided by 43 U.S.C. 390 uu, Public Law 97-293 - Oct. 12, 1982.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Specifically describe how you want the Director's Report to be changed. You may use additional pages if necessary.

No change is necessary, but claimant has no objections to the confirmation of the contract no. 14-06-100-2368 now existing between the United States and A & B Irrigation District to further define the respective rights of the parties.

Please note that you should attach copies of documents which support your response. Note on each document the "box number" it supports.

____ Check here if you are submitting documents. Please list each document by the title and number of pages. You may use additional pages if necessary:

VERIFICATION

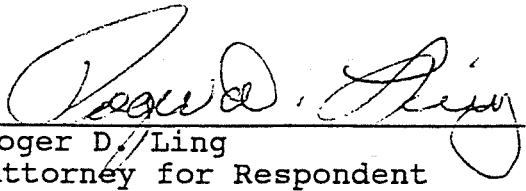
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Roger D. Ling, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

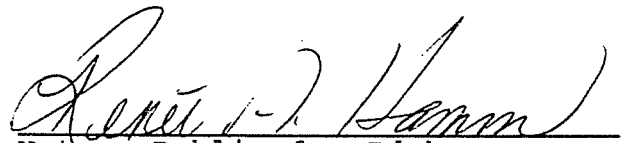
That I am the person or entity filing this response, that I am a water claimant or party in this proceeding, as defined by I.C., §42-1401A(1) and (7), and that I have read the foregoing response, know its contents and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A & B Irrigation District
Signature of person filing
response

By: 
Roger D. Ling
Attorney for Respondent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th day of August,
1993.

(SEAL)


Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Burley, Idaho
My Commission Expires: 9-13-97

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 27th 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 prepaid and addressed as follows:

1. Original to:

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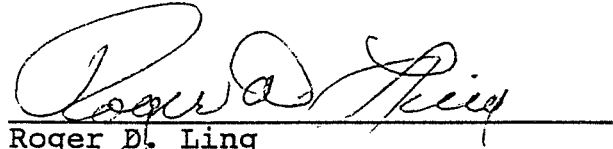
Name: A & B Irrigation District
Address: P.O. Box 673
Rupert, Idaho 83350

3. One copy to:

Chief, Natural Resources Division
Office of the Attorney General
State of Idaho
P.O. Box 44449
Boise, Idaho 83711-4449

4. One copy to:

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



Roger D. Ling
Attorney for Respondent