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. 36-13530 -0001
The State of Idaho, ex rel. R. Keith Higginson in his official capacity as Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Petitioner, vs. The United States; the State of Idaho; and all Claimants to the use of water from the Snake River Basin Water System, Respondents.	**RESPONSE TO OBJECTION** 36-13530 -0001/ 93-08-0510

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: GREG HEINS
Address: RT 3 BOX 225
RUPERT ID 83350

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. |X| Quantity: I respond to the objection concerning:

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

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection item 3 and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows: This right was claimed and recommended based on beneficial use. IDWR's records disclose no license for the claimed right. IDWR recommended the amount of water it determined was beneficially used for the uses claimed, and the claimant is not entitled to any amount greater than that which is beneficially used. IDWR further responds that the notice of claim claimed water for four homes; the objection asserts that water is used in five houses. By asserting additional uses not set forth in the notice of claim, the claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the claim. A claimant must obtain leave of the court to amend a claim after a director's report is filed, just as a party must obtain leave of the court to file a late claim after the director's report is filed. Once

leave of the court is granted, IDWR can investigate the amended claim and make an appropriate recommendation to the court.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 3.c, 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.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

|X| 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:

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Notice of Claim No. A36-13530	3

(Over)

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: Nick Spencer
(Attorney signing in representative capacity)

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

Danni M Smith
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at:
My Commission expires:

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