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August 30, 2018

USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
C/O FREDRIC W. PRICE
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 SOUTH VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

RE: Contested Application for Transfer 81800 in the name of Casa Del Norte, L.P.

Dear Mr. Price,

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Protest filed on behalf of The United States of America, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") in the above-referenced matter and to serve the BLM notice of the administrative hearing the Department has scheduled to resolve the contested case.

Please see the attached *Notice of Hearing, Order Authorizing Discovery, and Disclosure and Scheduling Order*. By filing the Notice of Protest, the BLM is now a party to this contested case and is expected to participate in the hearing unless the BLM's protest is resolved prior to the date of the hearing. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the process going forward in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Miller', is written over a horizontal line.

Nick Miller
Hearing Officer

Enclosure

Cc: Norm Semanko, Charles Honsinger

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION	)	NOTICE OF HEARING,
FOR TRANSFER NO. 81800 IN THE	)	ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCOVERY,
CASA DEL NORTE LP	)	AND DISCLOSURE AND SCHEDULING
_____	)	ORDER

NOTICE OF HEARING

On July 12, 2017, Casa Del Norte, L.P. filed Application for Transfer No. 81800 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"). Double Anchor Ranches, Inc. protested the application on July 31, 2017. A prehearing conference was held by the Department on May 11th, 2018. The parties have requested a formal hearing to resolve the protested matter.

The department has scheduled the matter for a hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 25th, 2018, and continuing through October 26th, 2018, as necessary at IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, WESTERN REGION, 2735 AIRPORT WAY, BOISE, ID 83705.

If you plan to offer exhibits for the record at the hearing, note that Rule 606 of the department's Rules of Procedure requires that a copy be provided to the presiding officer.

The presiding officer at the hearing will be Nick Miller, whose mailing address is 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705-5082.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 2 and 17, Title 42 and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the adopted Rules of Procedure of the department, IDAPA 37.01.01. Copies of the code/rules are obtained from the department's website, www.idwr.idaho.gov, or upon request.

All parties appearing in the matter will have the opportunity to present information, examine witnesses, and provide argument on issues related to the contested application.

The hearing will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the conference, please notify the department at least (10) days prior to the hearing. Inquiries about scheduling, hearing facilities etc, should be directed to Rachel Neely, at (208)334-2190.

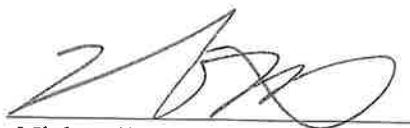
ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCOVERY

1. General discovery may begin immediately and shall end on August 3rd, 2018.
2. Responses to discovery must be served on the requesting party within 30 days of the request.
3. Written requests for discovery shall be either interrogatories or requests for documents (requests for admission are not allowed).

DISCLOSURE AND SCHEDULING ORDER

1. Expert Witness Reports shall be due and served no later than September 4th, 2018.
2. Depositions must be completed on or before October 5th, 2018.
3. On or before October 15, 2018, each party must disclose to all other parties and the hearing officer, in writing, the identity of all witnesses that will or may testify for the party at the hearing.
4. On or before October 15, 2018, each party seeking to offer exhibits at the hearing must physically serve on all other parties and the hearing officer copies of the exhibits. Service of the proposed exhibits will satisfy Rule 606 of the Rules of Procedure. Applicant's exhibits shall be numbered between 1 and 100. Protestant's exhibits shall be numbered between 101 and 200.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2018.



Nick Miller
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31st day of August, 2018, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by placing a copy of the same with the United States Postal Service, certified mail with return receipt, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Documents Served:

- May 15, 2018 Notice of Hearing and Notice of Scheduling Conference
- Hearing Procedures for Application for Transfer

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