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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

STATE OF IDAHO
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR	:	
TRANSFER NO. 81987 Water Right Numbers :	:	PROTEST
11-7597, 11-7601	:	PACIFICORP, AN OREGON CORPORATION
	:	PROTESTANT
	:	
Applicant: Private Capital Group, Inc.	:	
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PacificCorp, an Oregon corporation, whose address is 1407 West North Temple, Suite 110, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, hereby protests the Application for Transfer filed October 4, 2017 ("Application") by Private Capital Group, Inc. ("Applicant"). The protest application fee is hereby submitted by PacificCorp.

1. Notices. PacificCorp requests that the Department send notices and correspondence regarding this water right proceeding to:

Buffi Morris
Senior Property Agent
PacificCorp
1407 W. North Temple, Suite 110
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Buffi.Morris@PacificCorp.com

2. PacificCorp Water Rights. PacificCorp owns water rights in Bear Lake and in the Bear River as decreed in the matter of *Utah Power & Light Company v Last Chance Canal Company, Limited, et al.*, in Equity No. 203, July 14, 1920 (Dietrich Decree), and *Utah Power & Light Company v. Richmond Irrigation Company, et al.*, February 21, 1922 (Kimball Decree), as well as other rights in the Bear River.

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PacifiCorp's Bear Lake storage water rights authorize PacifiCorp to store Bear River water in Bear Lake "for the development of power or generating electric energy in any power plant which it may now have, or hereafter construct or acquire in or along Bear River, in the states of Idaho and Utah, and for irrigation purposes in what is generally known as Bear River Valley in said states." Dietrich Decree, p. 14. PacifiCorp owns the storage water rights in Bear Lake for power generation and irrigation purposes and delivers supplemental irrigation water to over 156,000 acres of land between the Outlet Canal at Bear Lake and Cutler Dam. The recipients of this supplemental irrigation water have delivery contracts with PacifiCorp.

The irrigation contractors and PacifiCorp also entered into the 2004 Amended and Restated Bear Lake Settlement Agreement whereby the irrigation contractors and PacifiCorp agreed to reduce their demand on Bear Lake in order to meet recreational and esthetic demands at Bear Lake.

In addition to its Bear Lake storage rights, PacifiCorp owns significant Bear River water rights in Idaho and Utah for power generation, all located downstream of the proposed Application.

3. Proposed Application. The Application seeks to change the place of use of water rights 11-7597 and 11-7601 to reflect actual irrigation practices in accordance with the Water Right Allocation Agreement (the "Agreement") submitted with the Application.

4. Proposed Reallocation of the Water Rights. In May 2008, IDWR segregated (or split) water right 11-7597 from its parent right 11-929 and limited the number of acres to 154.3 within a total acreage of 166 acres designated as the place of use. Water right 11-7597 is authorized for irrigation during 2 different periods with 2 different diversion rates. Water right 11-7601 was segregated from its parent right 11-929 and is limited to 17.5 acres. The

Agreement between the Applicant and 3 other parties is a private agreement in which the parties agree to reallocate their respective rights diverted into the Nuffer Ditch based on historic practices. The parties acknowledge errors in the original decree, commonly known as the "Dietrich Decree" ("Decree") relative to the place(s) of use of the parent rights.

5. Conclusion. PacifiCorp commends the parties to the Agreement for efforts to correct the errors in the Decree and to agree on reallocating the water between the parties who divert from the Nuffer Ditch. PacifiCorp is aware of previous applications and errors that exist relative to the originally decreed rights commonly known as the Ola Transtrum rights. PacifiCorp is concerned that through this process there be no expansion of the rights as intended in the Decree. PacifiCorp respectfully requests that IDWR carefully review the proposed reallocation do ensure that no expansion of the rights is allowed in an approval of the Application. PacifiCorp requests that it be party to discussions with the Applicant and IDWR relative to the Application.

Dated: December 8, 2017.

PACIFICORP



Buffi Morris, Senior Property Agent

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

On this 24 day of December, 2017, a true and complete copy of the foregoing document, was mailed postage prepaid, to the following:

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Eastern Division
900 N, Skyline Drive, Suite A
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

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RE: Transfer Applications 81987, 82005 and 82010 / PROTEST

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are three protest letters for the following Applications for Transfer: 81987 (11-7597, 11-7601), 82005 (11-7600, 11-7614) and 82010 (11-7600, 11-7628). Also included is a check in the amount of \$75.00 for the respective fees.

Please contact me with questions, direct 801.220.7803 or buffi.morris@pacificorp.com.

Best regards,



Buffi Morris
Water Rights Administrator

Enclosures