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WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

Attorneys for Protestant Michael Ihli

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO

_____)
IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR)
WATER RIGHT NOS. 57-11884 IN THE) PROTEST
NAME OF ROBERT AND KELLY THOMAS)
_____)
_____)
_____)

COMES NOW, the Protestant, Michael Ihli, by and through his counsel Honsinger Law, PLLC and, in conformance with and pursuant to I.C. §42-203A, and IDAPA 37.01.01, Rule 250, hereby notifies the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") and the Applicant in the above referenced matter of his Protest to Application for Permit No. 57-11884 filed by Robert and Kelly Thomas.

The Protestant has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding in that the permit application proposes the diversion of groundwater within an area and water bearing zone that is connected and contributes to the source from which Protestant diverts water pursuant to valid water right(s).

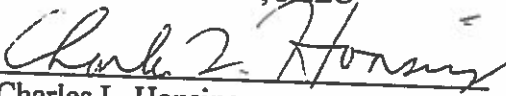
Protestant is concerned that the proposed permit may not comply with the requirements of

I.C. §42-203A in that: the uses proposed under the permit application may conflict with the local public interest as defined in Idaho Code Section 42-202B; the proposed permit may injure the water rights held by Protestant; the proposed permit may be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho; and the water supply is insufficient for the purpose for which the proposed permit is sought to be appropriated.

Protestant proposes that, should IDWR or the parties determine that all or any portion of the permit proposed pursuant to the above-captioned application be limited or denied to meet the requirements of I.C. §42-203A and/or other concerns raised by Protestant, such limitations be imposed and/or such denials be issued.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2017.

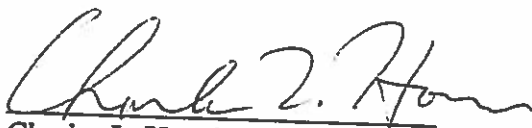
HONSINGER LAW, PLLC


Charles L. Honsinger
Attorneys for Protestant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that on the 3rd day of February, 2017, he caused a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing document to be transmitted by U.S. mail to the following

Robert and Kelly Thomas
17947 Short Cut Road
Murphy, ID 83650-5089


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February 3, 2017

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Western Region
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

Re: Application No. 57-11884

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, please find the original protest to the above referenced application that I file on behalf of my client Michael Ihli, together with a check in the amount of \$25 made out to IDWR that will constitute the required protest fee.

I also enclose a copy of the protest to be conformed and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Honsinger