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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME IN WHICH TO SUBMIT PROOF OF
BENEFICIAL USE FOR A WATER RIGHT PERMIT

The Idaho Department of Water Resources will consider this form as a request that the permit holder(s) be granted an additional period of time under the provisions of Section 42-204, Idaho Code in which to complete development of a water right.

Permit No. 73-11961Name(s) of Permit Holder: IDAHO POWER COMPANYMailing Address: P.O. BOX 70, BOISE, ID. 83707Date Proof is Due: June 1, 2006 Telephone No. 388-2300

Describe what work has been completed toward the development of this water right:
(This must be filled out! If no work has been completed, show "none".)

Please see attached Exhibit A for detailed explanation.

Costing \$ 816,000+

The permit holder(s) has been unable to complete the remainder of the work for the following reasons:

Delay in receiving bids and plans, plus time required to
obtain necessary county, state and federal permits.

Permit holder(s) request an extension to June 1, 2011, 19 .

FEE: \$50.00

Jonathan C. Bowling Engineering LEADER
(Signature)*

*If other than permit holder, Power of Attorney must be supplied.

ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above request for extension of time be

APPROVED and the time within which to submit proof of beneficial use is extended
to June 1, 2011.

Signed this 20th day of June, 19 2006.

Gary Spackman
GARY SPACKMAN

Project Update: Pahsimeroi Hatchery Groundwater Development in Association with Permit # 73-11961

Following a formal protest and lengthy legal proceedings, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) issued a permit to appropriate groundwater (permit # 73-11961) to Idaho Power Company (IPC) on May 11, 2004. The permit authorizes the diversion of up to 14 cfs of water for fish propagation from January 1 to December 31 annually at IPC's Pahsimeroi Fish Hatchery located in Lemhi County Idaho.

IPC submits the following summary of its efforts to date to develop groundwater wells and fish rearing facilities necessary to beneficially use this water for fish propagation. IPC contracted with Stevens and Sons Well Drilling for the development of groundwater wells. To date, three production wells have been drilled. The total cost for construction and development of these wells was approximately \$145,000. The wells are ready for use, pending completion of associated site improvements for fish propagation.

IPC contracted with the Engineering firm of HDR, Inc. and two smaller firms; FishPro and Engineering, Science and Construction, to prepare final engineering plans for the complete renovation of the Upper Pahsimeroi Fish Hatchery. Engineering plans were completed in December, 2005 at a cost of approximately \$671,000.

Immediately following completion of the design drawings IPC solicited bids for construction from several local contractors. In March 2006 IPC awarded a contract for construction to Starr Corporation of Twin Falls, Idaho. The value of the construction contract is over \$10 million. In support of the planned construction activities IPC has obtained all necessary approvals and/or permits from Lemhi County, the State of Idaho, District Seven Health Department, IDEQ, US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers and IDWR. Construction activities began in March 2006 and will continue through project completion. Construction activities to date have focused primarily on dewatering of the site and excavation of overburden in the location of the fish rearing ponds. While some short term test pumping will likely occur during construction, the wells will not be placed in full operation until project completion. Immediately upon project completion the wells will be put to use incubating over 1.1 million summer chinook eggs and fry.