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Department of Water Resources
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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

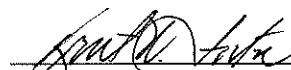
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR TRANSFER NO. 71254

NAME OF MICKELSEN PROPERTIES

**MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND FOR
EXPEDITED HEARING**

Applicant hereby moves the Department of Water Resources to bifurcate the above referenced transfer proceeding, for purposes of hearing the protests, into two parts: (1) the portion consisting of the protest of Big Lost River Water Users Association (Lawrence Babcock and Gerald Stewart) to the proposed transfer of all listed water rights except numbers 34-13659 and 34-13661, to be heard on an expedited basis at the earliest convenience of the hearing officer, and (2) the portion consisting of the protests of Big Lost River Irrigation District and Big Lost River Water Users Association to water rights numbers 34-13659 and 34-13661 to be heard July 19 and 20, as previously scheduled.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2005.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am a duly licensed attorney in the State of Idaho, resident of and with my office in Idaho Falls, Idaho; that I served a copy of the following described pleading or document on the attorneys listed below by hand delivering, by mailing or by facsimile, with the correct postage thereon, a true and correct copy thereof.

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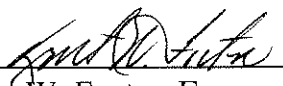
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