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Re: BRWUA - City of Montpelier Petition for Reconsideration

Dear Karl:

Enclosed for filing please find Bear River Water Users Association's Response to Petition for Reconsideration filed to the Bear River Ground Water Management Area Preliminary Order filed by the City of Montpelier.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of Applications for)	
Permits for Diversion and Use of) .	Bear River Water Users Association's
Surface and Ground Water-Within the)	Response to City of Montpelier's
Bear River Drainage and Great Basin)	Petition for Reconsideration
Tributaries)	
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COMES NOW the Bear River Water Users Association ("BRWUA"), by and through its attorneys of record Randall C. Budge of Racine, Olson, Nye, Budge & Bailey, and D. Brent Rose of Clyde, Snow, Sessions & Swenson, and hereby responds to the Petition for Reconsideration filed by the City of Montpelier on January 28, 1999, to the Idaho Department of Water Resources' ("IDWR") Preliminary Order dated January 11, 1999, designating the Bear River Ground Water Management Area ("Preliminary Order").

BRWUA respectfully submits that the Director should deny the City's Petition for Reconsideration and enter a Final Order as proposed designating the Bear River Ground Water Management Area. Further, that IDWR should without delay proceed to establish the Bear River Water Management Advisory Committee and move forward with the preparation of a Management Plan in accordance with the proposed Order.

BRWUA fully supports, joins in, and adopts by reference the Response filed herein by PacifiCorp to the City's Petition, without further comment.

DATED this 254 day of February, 1999.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of February, 1999, I mailed a true and complete copy of the foregoing document, postage prepaid, to the following:

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