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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR	)	PROTESTANTS' SAVE THE SOUTH
PERMIT NOS. 77-14377, 77-14378,	)	FORK SALMON AND IDAHO
77-14379; APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER	)	CONSERVATION LEAGUE
NOS. 85396, 85397, 85398, 85399; AND	)	RESPONSE TO APPLICANT AND
APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE 855538	)	PROTESTANT NEZ PERCE TRIBE'S
IN THE NAME OF PERPETUA	)	JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND
RESOURCES IDAHO, INC.	)	DEADLINES AND HEARING DATE
	)	

Pursuant to Rule of Procedure 220.02.b, Protestants Save the South Fork Salmon ("SSFS") and Idaho Conservation League ("ICL") file this response to Applicant Perpetua Resources Idaho ("Perpetua") and Protestant Nez Perce Tribe's Joint Motion to Extend Deadlines and Hearing Date ("Joint Motion").

The Joint Motion requests that the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”) extend the deadlines set in its February 16, 2023 Notice of Hearing and Scheduling Order (“Scheduling Order”) by 45 days to facilitate settlement discussions between Perpetua and the Nez Perce Tribe. The Joint Motion only requests an extension of the deadlines for Perpetua and Nez Perce Tribe, but is silent as to the deadlines for the remaining Protestants.

Protestants SSFS and ICL do not oppose extension of the deadlines to facilitate settlement discussions between Perpetua and the Nez Perce Tribe to the extent that those deadlines are also extended for SSFS and ICL. Having the same deadlines for all parties will facilitate efficient administration of this case and potentially conserve all the parties’ resources. For example, if a settlement were to be reached between Perpetua and the Nez Perce Tribe, it is possible that SSFS and/or ICL may find that settlement terms would resolve some of their claims in this case, and further litigation could focus on any remaining issues.

WHEREFORE, Protestants SSFS and ICL respectfully request that IDWR extend the deadlines by 45 days for all parties to this case to the dates that are detailed in the Joint Motion.

DATED this 29th day of June 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of June 2023, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served by electronic mail, addressed to the following:

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