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Director

November 9, 2005

RE: Motion for Order of Interim Administration in Basin 27

Dear Water Right Holder:

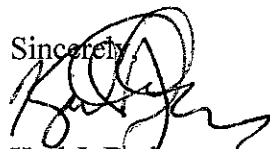
The enclosed documents relate to the State of Idaho's Motion for Order of Interim Administration, which seeks District Court authorization for administration of water rights in Basin 27.

The purposes for the request are to obtain authority for the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources "Department" to create or revise water districts, and to provide for long-term administration of surface and ground water rights from hydraulically connected sources. One step in this process is the notification of potentially affected water right holders. Therefore, this mailing is being sent to all recorded Snake River Basin Adjudication claimants (except those whose use is solely for de minimis domestic and/or stockwater purposes) in Basin 27.

Enclosed with this mailing are the following documents: (1) Motion for Order of Interim Administration, Motion for Order for Expedited Hearing, and Notice of Hearing; (2) Brief in Support of Motion for Order of Interim Administration; and (3) Affidavit of Tim Luke, Section Manager for the Department's Water Distribution Section.

If you have any questions, please call the Idaho Department of Water Resources hot line at 1-800-451-4129.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re SRBA	)	Subcase No. 92-00021-27
	)	
	)	MOTION FOR ORDER OF
Case No. 39576	)	INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS
	)	IN BASIN 27, MOTION FOR ORDER EXPEDITING
	)	HEARING, AND NOTICE OF HEARING
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**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY**

This document is the State's motion requesting the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") District Court to authorize the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director") to implement interim administration of water rights in Basin 27 in accordance with the most current Director's Report for Basin 27, or in accordance with partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Report. This document further requests the District Court to provide an expedited hearing for this motion with a hearing set for November 29, 2005.

MOTION FOR INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 27,  
MOTION FOR ORDER EXPEDITING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

## MOTION FOR INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

The State of Idaho moves this Court for an order of interim administration of water rights<sup>1</sup> in Snake River Basin Adjudication for Basin 27, pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1417, in accordance with the Director's Reports for Snake River Basin Adjudication Basin 27 filed with the Court and partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the district court may, by order, permit the distribution of water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, through water districts in accordance with the Director's Report and the partial decrees for water rights acquired under state law or established under federal law. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the district court may enter the order after notice and hearing, if the district court determines that interim administration of water rights is reasonably necessary to protect senior water rights.
2. Interim administration of water rights in Basin 27 is reasonably necessary because an efficient means of administering water rights from ground water sources and some surface water sources in these basins does not exist. The establishment of water districts for these basins will provide the watermasters with the ability to administer water rights in accordance with the prior appropriation doctrine as established by Idaho law.
3. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-1417(2)(b), notice of this motion is being provided to all affected claimants in Basin 27 by mailed notice.

THEREFORE, the State respectfully moves this Court for an order authorizing interim

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<sup>1</sup> This motion does not seek authorization for interim administration of domestic and stock water rights as defined under Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A(11).

administration of water rights in Basin 27 in accordance with the Director's Reports for these Basins and the partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports. The *Affidavit Of Timothy J. Luke In Support Of Motion For Order Of Interim Administration* and a brief in support of this motion are submitted herewith. Oral argument on this motion is requested.

### **MOTION FOR ORDER TO EXPEDITE HEARING**

The State of Idaho further moves the court for an order to expedite the hearing for consideration of the MOTION FOR ORDER OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATION. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

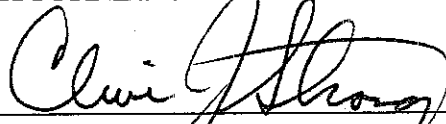
1. SRBA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1 ("AO1") governs notice of documents filed in the SRBA. Under AO1, this MOTION FOR ORDER OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATION will first appear on the docket sheet issued December 2005, and, thus, this motion would come on for hearing in February 2006, if heard without an expedited hearing schedule.
2. AO1 also provides that the court may order an expedited hearing. This motion requests the court to shorten the time for the hearing date on the State's MOTION FOR ORDER OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATION to November 29, 2005.
3. As the BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ORDER OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATION demonstrates, the need for interim administration of the water rights is pressing and immediate. Expedited consideration of this motion, with a hearing set for November 29, 2005, will provide sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

THEREFORE, the State respectfully moves this Court for an order shortening time for consideration of this matter and for an order permitting interim administration of water rights in Basin 27 in accordance with the most current Director's Reports for this Basin, or in accordance

with partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Report. The Affidavit of Timothy J. Luke and a brief in support of these motions are submitted herewith. Oral argument on this motion is requested.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

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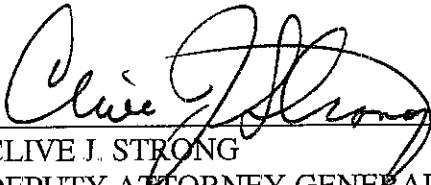
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the motion for interim administration for Basin 27 will be heard on November 29, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the SRBA District Court, 253 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Twin Falls, Idaho.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

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