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January 30, 2019

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Subject: Request for Extension of Time to File Evidence and Witness Statements Diamond Valley Adjudication

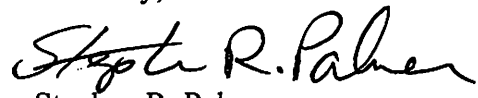
Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the State Engineer grant a 3 week extension of the subject filing deadline, currently set for February 1, 2019 and the hearing on BLM objections, currently set for the week of February 25, 2019. The basis for this request is that BLM, as well as, the Office of the Solicitor (attorneys for BLM), did not receive the "Notice of Hearing on Objections" dated January 10, 2019, with the filing deadline and the hearing dates due to the partial federal government shutdown that started on December 22, 2018 and did not end until January 26, 2019. During those five weeks, both BLM and the Office of the Solicitor were prohibited from working on any matters of concern to BLM or the Department of the Interior unless specifically authorized to do so. Neither BLM nor Office of the Solicitor personnel were authorized to work on matters related to this adjudication during the five week shutdown.

It was not until regular business hours commenced on January 28, 2019, that BLM and the Office of the Solicitor became aware of the State Engineer's January 10, 2019 hearing notice and the deadlines contained therein. There are numerous objections to the BLM claims in this adjudication that require time for BLM to prepare for and be able to file the necessary evidence and witness statements required in the order. Thus, BLM requests an extension of three weeks to file the required evidence and witness statements or until February 22, 2019, and a corresponding extension in the hearing to March 18, 2019. This request assumes that the other parties that filed objections to the BLM claims would also receive an extension as requested by BLM.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to allow BLM to properly prepare and present information to assist the State Engineer in resolving objections in this case. A notice of appearance of counsel on behalf of BLM will be submitted and served on all parties separately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

Stephen R. Palmer
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Attachment:

Service List, dated January 10, 2019

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SERVICE LIST

Notice of Hearing on Objections to the Preliminary Order of Determination *In the Matter of the Determination of the Relative Rights in and to all Waters, Both Surface and Underground, Located Within Diamond Valley, (10-153), Eureka and Elko Counties, Nevada.*

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