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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Division of Water Resources
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SUBJECT: Request for Continuance of Hearing Regarding Application Nos. 54022 through 54030

Dear Mr. King:

As you are aware, on October 28, 2008, the State Engineer issued Interim Order No. 2 and Scheduling Order which set the date for the public hearing on the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (Authority) applications to appropriate groundwater in Snake Valley, to reconvene on September 29, 2009. A requirement of that Scheduling Order is for the Authority to develop a hydrologic groundwater model and present specific results of that model to the State Engineer. Concurrently, in preparing for that hearing, the Authority has been working diligently with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the preparation of a hydrologic model for use in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared by the BLM. Due to the interaction between these two distinct processes, the Authority believes that the public interest is best served by utilizing the same model in the hearing as in the EIS, if at all possible.

The Authority's goal was to have this modeling effort completed in time for the June 19, 2009 Initial Evidentiary Exchange required under the Scheduling Order but, due to significant and recurring delays in the BLM's review process, it does not appear likely that the modeling effort will be sufficiently complete by June 19, 2009 so that it could be utilized in the upcoming hearings. Therefore, to ensure a consistent model for both the EIS and hearing, the Authority requests that all dates for the exchange of evidence and reconvening the hearing be extended for one year in order to allow the modeling effort to be completed.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at (702) 862-3708.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the 30th day of March, 2009, I deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of *Request for Continuance of Hearing Regarding Application Nos. 54022 through 54030*, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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