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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SCHWEITZER BASIN WATER LLC FOR A) CASE NO. SCH-W-15-01
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY.)
)
) COMMENTS OF THE
) COMMISSION STAFF
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its attorney of record, Neil Price, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure issued in Order No. 33308 on May 28, 2015, in Case No. SCH-W-15-01, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On February 13, 2015, the Commission received an Application from Schweitzer Basin Water LLC (“Schweitzer,” “SBWC,” or “Company”) requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”). Schweitzer is seeking Commission authorization to operate as a public utility in the State of Idaho and to provide water service in the following geographical area: Township 58 North, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Section 20, Southeast 1/4 in Bonner County. Schweitzer requests that the Commission issue a CPCN to provide domestic