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DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Gary Spackman, Director  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0098

**Re: In re the General Adjudication of the Rights to the Use of Water from the  
Palouse River Basin – Basin 87 (PRBA)**

Dear Mr. Spackman:

The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) hereby adopts the claims filed on behalf of the Tribe by the United States of America. A list of the applicable claim numbers is attached to this letter. In addition, the Tribe is hereby filing 18 notices of provisional claims to springs or fountains located on private lands within Basin 87 pursuant to the expressly reserved rights in Article VIII of the Treaty with the Nez Percés, June 9, 1863, 14 Stat 647. A list of those provisional claims is also attached. A further explanation of the basis for the filing of these 18 provisional claims is set forth in a Preliminary Statement in each of said claims. The Tribe reserves the right to file supplemental claims in the PRBA if factual circumstances warrant.

Sincerely,

Shannon F. Wheeler  
Chairman

Enclosures