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November 17, 2005

TO ALL PARTIES

Re: Klamath Adjudication – Case No. 76, Claim No. 276, Contest Nos. 1750 and
3555
DOJ File No. 690-600-GN0311-03

Dear Parties:

Enclosed for your records is a fully executed copy of the Stipulation to Resolve Contests and Certificate of Service in the above-entitled matter. This agreement resolves all the remaining issues in this case. Accordingly, the Oregon Water Resources Department will withdraw this case from the Office of Administrative Hearings, pursuant to OAR 137-033-0515(4).

Thank you very much for your courtesies and cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Jesse D. Ratcliffe
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Assistant Attorneys General
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Enclosure
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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF OREGON
for the
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Determination of the Relative Rights of the Waters of the Klamath River,
a Tributary of the Pacific Ocean

Klamath Irrigation District; Klamath Drainage District; Tulelake Irrigation District; Klamath Basin Improvement District; Ady District Improvement Company; Enterprise Irrigation District; ~~Klamath Hills District Improvement Co.~~; Malin Irrigation District; Midland District Improvement Co.; Pine Grove Irrigation District; Pioneer District Improvement Company; Poe Valley Improvement District; Shasta View Irrigation District; Sunnyside Irrigation District; Don Johnston & Son; Bradley S. Luscombe; Randy Walthall; Inter-County Title Company; Winema Hunting Lodge, Inc.; Reames Golf and Country Club; Van Brimmer Ditch Company; Plevna District Improvement Company; Collins Products, LLC,
Contestants,

STIPULATION TO RESOLVE
CONTESTS

Case No. 76

Claim No. 276

Contests 1750 and 3555¹

v.

Phyllis Mae Walker; Dale Walker,
Claimants/Contestants.

¹ Don Vincent voluntarily withdrew from Contest 3555 on November 28, 2000. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMANTS. Berlva Pritchard voluntarily withdrew from Contest 3555 on June 24, 2002. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMANT.

Klamath Hills District Improvement Company voluntarily withdrew, without prejudice, from Contest 3555 on January 16, 2004. *See* VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF CONTEST BY KLAMATH HILLS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

Tulelake Irrigation District; Klamath Irrigation District; Klamath Drainage District; Klamath Basin Improvement District; Ady District Improvement Company; Enterprise Irrigation District; Malin Irrigation District; Midland District Improvement Company; Pine Grove Irrigation District; Pioneer District Improvement Company; Poe Valley Improvement District; Shasta View Irrigation District; Sunnyside Irrigation District; Don Johnston & Son; Bradley S. Luscombe; Randy Walthall; Inter-County Title Co.; Winema Hunting Lodge, Inc.; Reames Golf and Country Club; Van Brimmer Ditch Co.; Plevna District Improvement Company; Collins Products, LLC, voluntarily withdrew Contest No. 3555 in its entirety on April 7, 2005. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CONTEST NO. 3555.

Claimants/Contestants Phyllis Mae Walker and Dale Walker, and the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), hereby agree and stipulate, and request the Adjudicator to resolve the above captioned Claim and Contest as follows:

A. STIPULATED FACTS

1. On January 31, 1991, Claim 276 for a federal reserved Indian water right was filed with OWRD by the Claimants.
2. On October 4, 1999, the Adjudicator issued his Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 276.
3. On May 3, 2000, the Claimants filed a Statement of Contest of Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 276, Contest 1750.
4. Claimants/Contestants and OWRD agree that Contest 1750 can be resolved without the need for a hearing pursuant to the following:

B. TERMS OF STIPULATION

1. Claimants/Contestants and OWRD agree that the Water Right Claim 276 should be approved to the Adjudicator as a federal reserved Indian water right to the extent described in the Description of Water Right Claim 276, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.
2. Claimants/Contestants agree that pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, Contest 1750 has been satisfactorily resolved, and such resolution vitiates the need for a hearing before the Administrative Law Judge.
3. The OWRD adjudication staff hereby recommends to the Adjudicator that Claim 276 be withdrawn from the Office of Administrative Hearings. OWRD adjudication staff further recommends that Claim 276 be approved in the Finding of Fact

and Order of Determination issued by the Adjudicator as a federal reserved Indian water right in accordance with the Description of Water Right Claim 276.

4. If the Finding of Fact and Order of Determination issued by the Adjudicator for Claim 276 does not conform to the terms set forth in the attached Description of Water Right Claim 276, Claimants/Contestants reserve any rights they may have to file exceptions to the Finding of Fact and Order of Determination as to Claim 276 in the Circuit Court for Klamath County, and reserve any rights they may have to participate in any future proceedings authorized by law concerning Claim 276.

5. Claimants/Contestants agree not to oppose or object to this Agreement or any of its terms, provisions, conditions, or covenants and to support this Agreement if it is challenged in the administrative or judicial phases of the Adjudication or any appeals thereof.

6. The signatories to this Stipulation agree that the Stipulation shall not be offered as evidence or treated as an admission regarding any matter herein and may not be used in proceedings on any other claim or contest whatsoever, except that the Stipulation may be used in any future proceeding to interpret and/or enforce the terms of this Stipulation. Further, the signatories to this Stipulation agree that neither the Stipulation nor any of its terms shall be used to establish precedent with respect to any other claim or contest in the Klamath Basin Water Rights Adjudication.

7. Each entity or person entering into this Stipulation represents, warrants, and agrees that the person who executed this Stipulation on its behalf has the full right and authority to enter into this Stipulation on behalf of that entity or person and bind that entity or person to the terms of the Stipulation.

8. The terms, provisions, conditions, and covenants of this Stipulation are not severable, except, if any term, provision, condition, or covenant of this Stipulation is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, conditions, and covenants shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

9. This Stipulation may be executed in several counterparts and all documents so executed shall constitute one Stipulation, binding on the signatories, notwithstanding that the signatories did not sign the same original or the same counterparts. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Stipulation by facsimile transmission shall be as effective as delivery of an original signed counterpart of this Stipulation.

10. This Stipulation comprises the entire agreement and no promise, inducement, or representation other than herein set forth has been made, offered, and/or agreed upon, and the terms of this Stipulation are contractual and not merely a recital.

11. Claimant/Contestant and OWRD shall each bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.

12. This Stipulation shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto.

STIPULATED, AGREED, AND APPROVED BY:

For Klamath Allottee Water Users Association Member
Claimants/Contestants Phyllis Mae Walker; Dale Walker

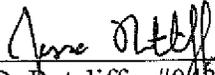
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11-14-05

Date

35 S	7 E	9	SENE	16	3.4
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Total Irrigated Acreage 70.5

The Place of Use is set forth more particularly in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, and which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

INCHOATE WATER RIGHT CLAIM DESCRIPTION

Source: Williamson River **Tributary:** Upper Klamath Lake

Point Of Diversion: Township 35 S Range 7 E Section 10 Q/Q: SWNW Lot:

Priority: 10/14/1864

Use, Period Of Use and Quantity: Use: Irrigation Period Of Use: 03-01 to 10-16 Rate: 1.03 cfs Duty: 3.1 AFA

Place Of Use:	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Q/Q:</u>	<u>Lot:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
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	35 S	7 E	9	SENE	16	15.8
	35 S	7 E	9	NESE	17	14.5
	35 S	7 E	9	NESE	24	9.6
	35 S	7 E	9	SESE	25	.5

Total Practicably Irrigable Acreage 57.4

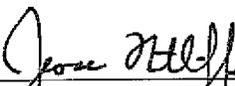
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of November 2005, I served the within LETTER AND STIPULATION TO RESOLVE CONTESTS on the parties hereto by regular first-class mail and by e-mail (where an e-mail address is listed below), a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

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