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DOCKET NO.: SDWA-08-2015-0026

IN THE MATTER OF:

INTERMOUNTAIN RURAL ELECTRIC 5496 Highway 85 Sedalia, CO 80135 **FINAL ORDER**

RESPONDENT

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.18(b)(2)(3), of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 28th DAY OF , 2015,

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Regional Judicial Officer

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Intermountain Rural Electric 5496 Highway 85 Sedalia, Colorado, 80135 **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

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Respondent

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), and Intermountain Rural Electric (Respondent), by its undersigned representative, hereby consent and agree as follows.

- On July 13, 2015, the EPA issued a Proposed Compliance Order, Penalty Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Complaint) to Respondent for certain violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300h *et seq.*, and the underground injection control regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint.
- Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any tribunal to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint or this Consent Agreement.
- 4. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon the EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's successors or assigns. Any change in the status of Respondent, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this

agreement. This Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

- 5. The EPA acknowledges that Respondent has timely closed the Class V Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal well at issue and submitted documentary evidence of the closure to the EPA. Although Respondent has denied owning or operating a Class V Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal well, the well at issue has been properly closed and no dispute remains.
- Respondent agrees to keep the Class V Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal well at issue permanently closed.
- 7. Due to Respondent's timely compliance and in consideration of the statutory penalty factors at 42 U.S.C § 300h-2(c)(4)(B), the EPA agrees to settle this action without the assessment of a civil penalty.
- Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the SDWA and its implementing regulations.
- 9. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
- 10. The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.
- 11. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with this matter.
- 12. Respondent waives any and all claims for relief, and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review or other remedies which Respondent may have, with respect to any issue of fact or law or any terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement,

including any right of judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act. 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706.

13. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction of all requirements of this Consent Agreement by the parties, shall resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the Complaint.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL **PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8**

Complainant:

Date: 9/21/15

By:

Suzanne J. Bohan Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Respondent:

Date: 9/15/15

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.CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT** in the matter of **INTERMOUNTAIN RURAL ELECTRIC**; **DOCKET NO.: SDWA-08-2015-0026** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on September 24, 2015; the **FINAL ORDER** was filed on September 28, 2015.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. A true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested and emailed on August 19, 2015, to:

Amy M. Watson #40583, Attorney 5496 North U. S. Highway 85 P. O Drawer A Sedalia, CO 80135 awatson@irea.coop

And emailed to:

Jessica Farmer U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002) Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

September 28, 2015

Michael C. Nelson Acting Regional Hearing Clerk

