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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING THE REFERRAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR WATER RIGHTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 37-92-203 TO THE WATER REFEREE

Prior to July 2, 2007, applications filed in Water Division No. 1 pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-302 were referred to a Water Referee by a written order entered in every case. After that date, applications filed in Water Division No. 1 pursuant to C.R.S. §37-92-302 were referred to a Water Referee by a less formal process for which there was no written record. Administrative Order 11-03 establishes the procedure by which applications for water rights filed in Water Division No. 1 will be referred to the Water Referee. This Administrative Order shall serve as the written order of referral for all cases referred to the Water Referee at the inception of the case.

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-203(7) and Rule 6(a) of the Uniform Local Rules for State Water Courts ("U.L.R."), it is ordered that all applications filed in Water Division No. 1 pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-302, except those cases retained by the Water Judge for adjudication, are hereby referred to the Water Referee for Water Division No. 1.

The Water Referee has the authority and duty to promptly begin investigating and to rule upon applications for determination of water rights, changes of water rights, approval of plans of augmentation, findings of reasonable diligence in the development of conditional water rights, approval of a proposed or existing exchange of water, approval to use water outside of the state, and other water matters, in accordance with the applicable constitutional, statutory, and case law. U.L.R. 6(a). Upon investigating the matter, the Water Referee may re-refer an application to the Water Judge for adjudication. *Id*.

BY THE COURT

James F. Hartmann

Water Judge, Water Division No. 1