

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NO. 14979  
FILED APRIL 14, 1953, BY HARRY RICHMAN  
TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF LOWER DOBY  
SPRING FOR STOCKWATERING AND DOMESTIC  
PURPOSES, IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA.

RULING

General:

This application was assigned to Joseph Capurro, et ux, by deed on December 7, 1954. A protest was filed on June 17, 1953 by Arthur V. Heller, on grounds that the protestant claims vested rights on the waters of the spring, and that the spring is within the protestant's customary grazing area and is not within the applicant's grazing area.

The spring serves both the applicant's and the protestant's licensed range areas. It is the opinion of this office that granting an individual water right on the source to either the applicant or protestant would be detrimental to the use of the range.

RULING

Application No. 14979 is herewith denied on the grounds that its granting would impair the value of existing grazing rights, and would be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Engineer.

Dated this 27th day of  
February, 1959.