

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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O R D E R

FOR DOMESTIC WELL CREDIT IN THE
TRUCKEE MEADOWS GROUND WATER BASIN

WHEREAS, this order is adopted under the procedure set forth in Chapter 534.350 of the Nevada Revised Statutes for the establishment of a program that allows a public water system to receive credits for the addition of new customers to its system.

WHEREAS, this order covers an area limited to the Truckee Meadows Ground Water Basin (087) (excluding that portion of the Sun Valley Ground Water Basin) designated under State Engineer's Order No. 708 dated March 1, 1978.

WHEREAS, this order proposes that a public water system which provides water for municipal purposes within the area described above to receive a credit for each customer who is added to their system provided:

- a. A single family dwelling which is presently utilizing a domestic well, voluntarily ceases to draw water from that well located within the described area.
- b. Any owner of a lot with the ability to drill a domestic well and utilize water from that well meets the following conditions:
 - (1) That the lot is located within the area described;
 - (2) That the lot was established as a separate lot before July 1, 1993;
 - (3) That the lot was approved by a local governing body or planning commission for service by an individual domestic well before July 1, 1993; and
 - (4) A written agreement is entered between the owner of the lot and the public water system wherein the owner agrees not to drill a domestic well on the lot and the public water system agrees that it will provide water service to that lot. Any such agreement must be acknowledged and recorded in the

same manner as conveyances affecting real property are required to be acknowledged and recorded pursuant to Chapter 111 of NRS.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer may require each new customer who voluntarily ceases to draw water from a domestic well to plug that well at such time when notification of service from the public water system is made.

WHEREAS, a credit granted to the public water system under this order:

- a) Will be for domestic uses as defined by NRS 534.013.
- b) Will be in the amount that is used by each new service connection but not to exceed 1,800 gallons per day. The amount of water provided to each service will be reported by each public utility on a yearly basis, in addition to the amount pumped under any permitted water right.
- c) Cannot be converted to an appropriative right.
- d) May only be used at the location of the lot for which credit is being sought.
- e) Will only be from a water purveyor who pumps ground water within the same ground water basin as covered by this order.

WHEREAS, this order does not:

- a) Require the public water system to extend its service area unless approved by the Nevada Public Utilities Commission.
- b) Authorize any increase or the potential increase in the total amount of ground water pumped in the Truckee Meadows Ground Water Basin.
- c) Affect any rights of an owner of a domestic well who does not voluntarily bring himself within the provisions of the order.

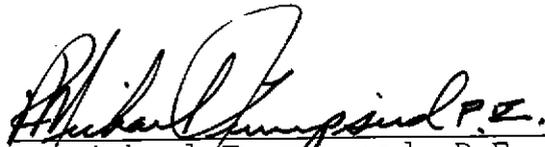
WHEREAS, any such request for a credit under the order shall be made to the State Engineer on the form made available by him.

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this order:

- a) "Domestic well" means a well used for culinary and

household purposes in a single family dwelling, including the watering of a garden, lawn and domestic animals, and where the draught does not exceed 1,800 gallons per day (NRS 534.013 and 534.180).

- b) "Lot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 278.0165.
- c) "Public Water System" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445A.840.


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State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this
27 day of April, 1999.