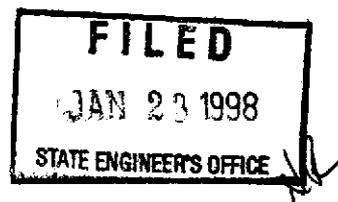


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 63361
FILED BY Blue Nugget Water Company
ON August 27th 1997, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground

PROTEST



Comes now U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Agency of the federal government, and protests the granting

of Application Number 63361, filed on August 27th, 1997

by Blue Nugget Water Company
Printed or typed name of applicant to appropriate the

waters of Underground situated in Lincoln
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Please see Attachment A

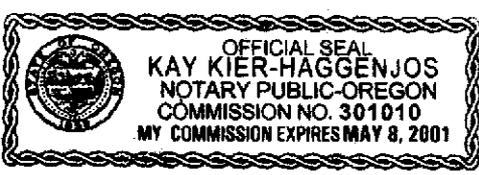
THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be Denied
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed [Signature]
Agent or protestant
Thomas J. Dwyer
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this JAN 22 1998 day of 19



Kay Kier-Haggenjos
Notary Public
State of Oregon
County of Multnomah

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