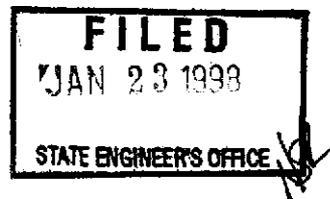


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 63365, 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 63365, filed on August 27th

1997

by Blue Nugget Water Company

Printed or typed name of applicant

to appropriate the

waters of Underground

Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

situated in Lincoln

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

[Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Dwyer]

Agent of 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



[Handwritten signature of Kay Kier-Haggenjos]

Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Multnomah

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