

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 63996  
FILED BY Washoe County  
ON March 27, 1998, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Underground, Basin #016

**FILED**  
JUN 22 1998  
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

PROTEST

Comes now John Espil Sheep Co., Inc.  
Printed or typed name of protestant  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 150 Gerlach, NV 89412-0150  
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code  
whose occupation is Agriculture - Ranching, and protests the granting  
of Application Number #63996, filed on March 27, 1998  
by Washoe County to appropriate the  
waters of Underground, Basin #016 situated in Washoe  
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:

Espil Sheep Co., Inc. owns private property's  
water rights in this area. We also own  
USDI, BLM grazing permits for sheep & cattle.  
Any underground water taken from this area  
would have a sever negative impact on  
our ranching operation.

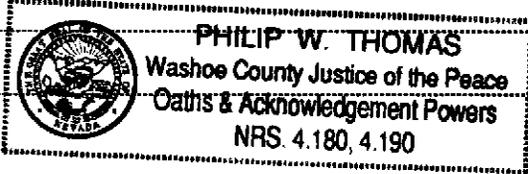
THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be DENIED  
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

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

Signed Victoria H. Espil  
Agent or protestant  
Victoria H. Espil  
Printed or typed name, if agent  
Address P.O. Box 150  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.  
Gerlach, NV 89412-0150  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 19 98

[Signature]  
Notary Public

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
  
PHILIP W. THOMAS  
Washoe County Justice of the Peace  
Oaths & Acknowledgement Powers  
NRS 4.180, 4.190

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