

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER #63997  
FILED BY Washoe County  
ON March 27, 1998, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Basin #016 - Underground

PROTEST

FILED  
JUN 22 1998  
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now John Espil Sheep Co., Inc.  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 150 Gerlach, NV 89412-0150  
whose occupation is Agriculture - Ranching, and protests the granting  
of Application Number #63997, filed on March 27, 1998  
by Washoe County to appropriate the  
waters of Underground, Basin #016 situated in Washoe

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

Espil Sheep Co., Inc., owns private property & water rights in this area. We also own B.L.M. grazing rights for sheep & cattle. Any underground water taken from this area would have a severe negative impact on our ranching operation.

DENIED

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be 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 seems just and proper.

Signed Victoria A. Espil, Sec'y Tres.  
Address P.O. Box 150 Gerlach NV 89412

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 1998

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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