

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER #64003
FILED BY Washoe County
ON March 27, 1998 TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground Basin #016

PROTEST



Comes now John Espil Sheep Co., Inc.
whose post office address is P.O. Box 150 Gerlach NV 89412
whose occupation is Agriculture - Ranching, and protests the granting
of Application Number #64003 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:
Esphil Sheep Co., Inc., owns private property & owns 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. This is just North of our main ranch.

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 A. Espil
Agent or protestant
Victoria A. Espil, Sec. & Treas.
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, 1998

[Signature]
Notary Public
State of PHILIP W. THOMAS
County of Washoe County Justice of the Peace
Oaths & Acknowledgement Powers
NRS. 4.180, 4.190

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