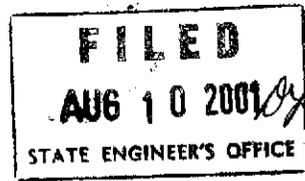


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 67321,
FILED BY VIDLER WATER Co.,
ON MARCH 12, 2001, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF STATE OF NEVADA

PROTEST



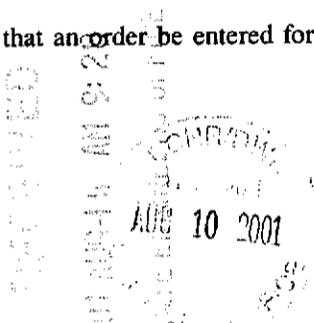
Comes now JOHN E. HIATT
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is 8180 PLACID ST, LAS VEGAS, NV 89123
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
whose occupation is CHEMIST, and protests the granting
of Application Number 67321, filed on MARCH 12, 2001
by VIDLER WATER Co. to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant
waters of UNDERGROUND situated in WHITE PINE
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:

Massive groundwater withdrawal in this area (this application is one of many) will have a negative impact on native wetlands, upland springs and quite likely the Shoshone Ponds with their populations of endangered relic fish. The Swamp Cedar Natural Area and its relic population of Rocky Mountain juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum*) may also be affected.

Wetlands are our most biologically diverse and productive lands and national policy is to prevent any net loss. Hence, groundwater diversions which would eventually dewater these areas are completely inappropriate.

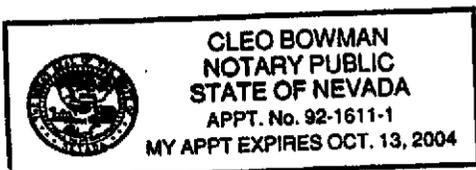
THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be DENIED
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

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



Signed John E. Hiatt
Agent or protestant
JOHN E. HIATT
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address 8180 PLACID ST.
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89123
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of August, 2001
Cleo Bowman
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Clark



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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.