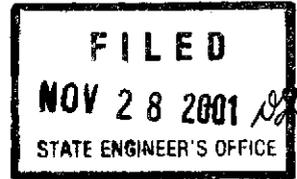


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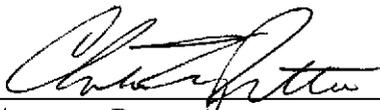
IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 67894
FILED BY DRY LAKE WATER L.L.C.
OF LAS VEGAS, STATE OF NEVADA
ON AUGUST 8, 2001 TO APPROPRIATE
THE WATERS OF UNDERGROUND

PROTEST

Comes now Charles W. Pettee, on behalf of the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, whose post office address is 1201 Oak Ridge Drive, Suite 250, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80525, whose occupation is Chief, Water Rights Branch, Water Resources Division, National Park Service, and protests the granting of Application Number 67894 filed by Dry Lake Water L.L.C. of Las Vegas, State of Nevada, to appropriate the waters of underground, situated in Clark County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

- I. There is no water available for appropriation because committed water resources exceed ground-water recharge.
- II. The approval and development of the appropriation proposed by this application will impair the water rights of the United States.
- III. The public interest would not be served by granting this application.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be denied. The National Park Service will reconsider its protest if it can be shown that the proposed appropriation, in combination with existing and pending appropriations, if approved and developed, will not affect the water resources and water rights of Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Signed 
Agent or Protestant
Charles W. Pettee
Printed or Typed Name

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 67894

Protest by Charles W. Pettee on behalf of
the United States Department of the Interior,
National Park Service

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 2001.

Notary Public

State of Colorado

County of Larimer

My Commission expires

Flora B. Romero

Flora B. Romero, Notary Public
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