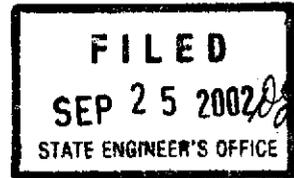


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 68811  
FILED BY High Rock Holdings, LLC  
ON May 13th, 2002, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Underground

PROTEST

Comes now U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office  
whose post office address is 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445  
whose occupation is Federal Land Management Agency, and protests the granting  
of Application Number 68811, filed on May 13th, 2002,  
by High Rock Holdings, LLC to appropriate the  
waters of Underground situated in Washoe  
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Please refer to the attached "exhibit A" incorporated herein by reference.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be Please refer to "exhibit A"  
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

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Signed Rodger Bryan  
Rodger Bryan, Acting AFM Renewable Resources  
Address 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd  
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, 2002.



Brigitte Lea Baslee  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of Humboldt

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# EXHIBIT A

Applications 68807 through 68811, as applied for, are located on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office (WFO). The applicant, High Rock Holdings, LLC does not presently have authorization to conduct surface disturbing activities at these locations, nor have they sought approval for a right of way to convey water to another location where beneficial use could be proven. Once the applicant has submitted an application for right of way, to this office, an environmental analysis will be conducted to consider whether or not these activities will cause any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the Bureau of Land Management protests the granting of these applications until such time that a right of way application can be submitted and considered by this office.