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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 68859
FILED BY ROBERT C. AND VIVIAN LEWIS
ON JUNE 3, 2002
TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION
OF WATERS HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED UNDER PERMIT 65136

PROTEST

Comes now Charles 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 68859 to change the point of diversion of waters heretofore appropriated for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Application 68859 proposes to change the point of diversion of waters appropriated under Permit 65136. It is our understanding that waters appropriated under Permit 65136 are the subject of change Application 66979, which is pending before the Nevada State Engineer. Unless application 66979 has been denied or withdrawn, this water is not available for appropriation. Application 66979 was originally protested by the National Park Service, and is now the subject of a stipulated agreement between the Moapa Valley Water District and the National Park Service.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be denied.

Signed _____
Agent or protestant

Charles Pettee
Printed or typed name, if agent

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September 2002.

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Notary Public

State of Colorado

County of Larimer

My Commission expires 07/30/2006

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