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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71167,
FILED BY The So. Nv. Water Authority,
ON May 6, 2004, ..., TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground

PROTEST

FILED
AUG 17 2004
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now Philip and Maureen Benjamin
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is PoBox 376 Indian Springs Nv. 89018
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

[illegible]ose occupation is Retired/business owner, and protests the granting

of Application Number 71167, filed on May 6, 2004, ...

by So. Nv. Water Authority to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant

waters of ..... situated in Clark
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: Philip & Maureen Benjamin protest SNWA's application & requests denial of #71167. A) We use this water for agricultural purposes with water right permits. If water tables are lowered it will cause re-drilling of our wells & economic hardship.
B) We own several businesses in Indian Springs & believe lowering of the water table would have negative effect on property values.
C.) Indian Springs is beginning to expand. Activity at the air base is creating many new jobs. N.W. Las Vegas is creeping closer making us an ideal bedroom community for those wishing a rural life style. The expected growth is evidenced by the BLM's plan to release additiona decrase around Indian Springs. Water from this basin should be reserved for town growth.
D) The uncontrolled growth of Las Vegas should not be reason to cause possible future hardship to our area.
E.) Not enough is known of the effects this movement (removal) to assure that it will not have harmful consequences on the water level in our basin.

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 Philip Benjamin
Agent or protestant

Philip Benjamin
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address Po Box 376
Street No. or P.O. Box No.

Indian Springs, Nv. 89018
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August, 2004

Dorothy M. Bobo
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC
County of Clark-State of Nevada
DOROTHY M. BOBO
No. 93-0151-1
My Appointment Expires June 26, 2005

State of Nevada

County of Clark

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