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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71173,
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)

whose occupation is Retired/business owner, and protests the granting

of Application Number 71173, filed on May 6, 2004,

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

waters of (Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source) situated in Clark

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 # 71173. 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 acerage 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)

State of Nevada

County of Clark

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