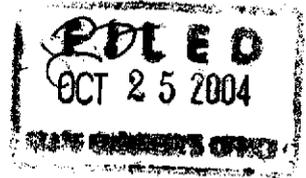


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WHDW
IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71174-71180
Hidden Ridge, LLC/Vidler Water
FILED BY Company, Inc.
ON May 6, 2004, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground



PROTEST



Comes now Funeral Mountain Ranch
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is P.O. Box 10, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.
whose occupation is farming, manufacturing and construction and protests the granting
of Application Number 71174-71180 filed on May 6, 2004
by Hidden Ridge, LLC/Vidler Water Company, Inc. to appropriate the
waters of Underground situated in Nye
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:

see attached
and associated applications 71175 through 71180

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 X William H. Dewitt
Agent or protestant

William H. Dewitt
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address P.O. Box 10
Street No. or P.O. Box No.

Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 2004

[Signature]
Notary Public

State of California

County of Los Angeles



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