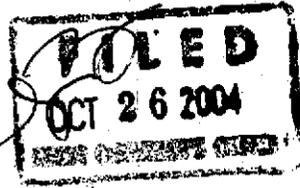


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71225
FILED BY Vidler Water Co.
ON August 16, 04 TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Basin 163

PROTEST



Comes now Carole L. Benner
whose post office address is P.O. Box 19126, Jean, NV 89019
whose occupation is cashier and protests the granting
of Application Number 71225 filed on August 16, 2004
by Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the
waters of Basin 163 situated in Clark

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

This application seeks to privatize the public waters of Basin 163 (Sandy-Mesquite Valley Basin). We strongly object to the privatization of our water supply, and feel that this may jeopardize senior water rights in the basin. This application is not in the public good.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be denied
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

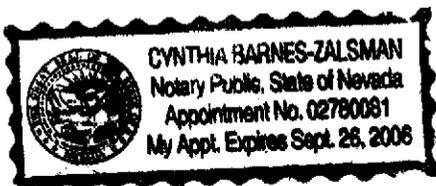
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Carole L. Benner
Carole L. Benner
Address P.O. Box 19126
Jean, NV 89019

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, 2004

Cynthia Barnes Zimm
Notary Public

State of Nevada
County of Clark



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