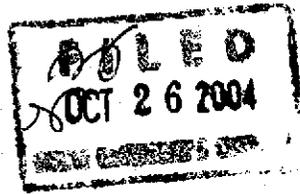


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71225
FILED BY Vidler Water Co.
ON 8/16 04 TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Basin 163

PROTEST



Comes now HARRY W. HUGHES III
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is HCR BOX 241 SANDY VALLEY NV 89019
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
whose occupation is Signalman Clark County and protests the granting
of Application Number 71225 filed on 8/16/04
by Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant
waters of SANDY-MESQUITE BASIN 163 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:

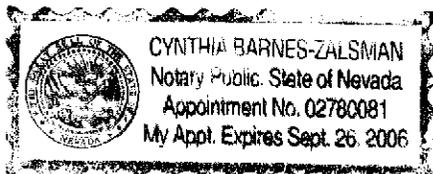
The State Engineer determined in Ruling 5132 that there are no more water rights available in this basin. In that ruling, the State Engineer created over 700 afa of paper water to accommodate Vidler's inter-basin transfer request and to have sufficient water rights to protect the basin's future water needs. We feel there is not enough water to satisfy Vidler's request.

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 Harry W. Hughes III
Agent of protestant
Harry W. Hughes III
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address HCR 31, Box 241
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
Sandy Valley NV 89019
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 2004
Cynthia Barnes Zimm
Notary Public



State of Nevada
County of Clark

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