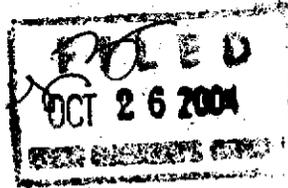


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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 Howard E. Watters
whose post office address is HCR 31 Box 790 Sandy Valley Nv. 89019
whose occupation is Retired, and protests the granting
of Application Number 71225 filed on 8/16/04
by Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the
waters of SANDY-MESQUITE BASIN 163 situated in Clark

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 Howard E. Watters
Howard E. Watters
Address 1595 Potomac St HCR 31 Box 790
Sandy Valley Nv. 89019

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October 2004

Cynthia Barnes Zalsman
Notary Public

State of Nevada
County of Clark



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