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

FILED
OCT 26 2004

Comes now Robert E. Rice
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is 777 East Quartz AVE PMB 7003 Sandy Valley, NV 89019
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
whose occupation is Disabled, and protests the granting
of Application Number 71225, filed on August 16, 2004,
by Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant
waters of 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:

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 [signature]
Agent or protestant
Robert E. Rice
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address 777 East Quartz AVE. PMB 7003
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
Sandy Valley NV. 89019
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of September 2004
Cynthia Barnes Zalsman
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Clark

CYNTHIA BARNES-ZALSMAN
Notary Public, State of Nevada
Appointment No. 02780081
My Appt. Expires Sept. 26, 2006

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