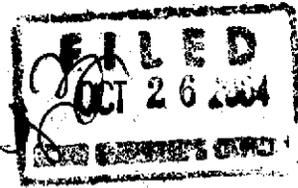


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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 Robert Thompson
whose post office address is 777 E. Quartz Ave. #7731 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.

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THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be denied
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Robert A. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Address 777 E. Quartz Ave #7731
Sandy Valley, NV 89019

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of September, 2004
Cynthia Barnes Zalsman



State of Nevada
County of Clark

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