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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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

In the Matter of Amended Application Number 73284 Filed By Regional Utilities on December 1, 2005 for a Permit to Appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada	**PROTEST**

Comes now The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Indians, whose post office address is P.O. Box 256, Nixon, Nevada 89424, whose occupation is a federally recognized Tribe of Indians, the governing body of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, with a Constitution and By-laws approved by the Secretary of Interior, and protests the granting of Application Number 73284, filed on December 1, 2005 by Regional Utilities, for a permit to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

1. There is no unappropriated water in the source of supply, and/or, if the application and the other pending applications filed by Regional Utilities are granted, the result would be an over-appropriation of water in one or more groundwater basins.

2. The application can not and/or should not be granted because it is supplemental to another application that requests an appropriation in a different groundwater basin.

3. The proposed appropriation would conflict with existing groundwater and/or surface water rights of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

4. The application has its proposed point of diversion within or near the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Valley Basin 81, and near the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Granting the application would threaten to prove detrimental to the interests of the Tribe and to the public interest.

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

Signed: _____

John Jackson
Director of Department of Water Resources
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 256
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February, 2006.

Notary Public

NATHAN D. DUNN
Notary Public - State of Nevada
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