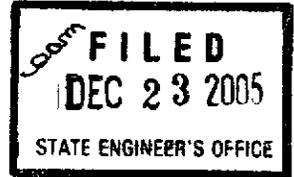


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73307  
FILED BY REGIONAL UTILITIES **PROTEST**  
ON OCTOBER 03, 20 05, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF UNDERGROUND

Comes now Washoe County  
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502-4106  
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State, and Zip Code

whose occupation is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73307, filed on OCTOBER 03, 20 05,

by REGIONAL UTILITIES to appropriate the

waters of underground situated in Washoe  
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:

Please refer to attached Exhibit "A".

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.

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Signed [Signature]  
Agent or Protestant

Vahid Behmaram, Water Rights Manager  
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address Washoe County Dept. of Water Resources  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.  
4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502-4106  
City, State, and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of DECEMBER, 20 05.



[Signature]  
Notary Public

State of Nevada  
County of Washoe

\$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.  
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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Exhibit "A"

Applications 73284, 73285, 73306 & 73307

The above referenced applications request to appropriate a duty of 6625 acre-feet of underground water from the Pyramid Lake Basin. Preliminary data from the State Engineer's office indicates a very limited amount of existing appropriations within this basin. However, it is Washoe County's understanding that the Pyramid Lake Tribe, as a sovereign nation does not follow the State of Nevada's appropriation process. Therefore, the total quantity of existing appropriations is unknown.

Nevada Revised Statutes prohibits the State Engineer to grant a permit to appropriate if there is no water remaining in the proposed source of supply. Therefore, unless a complete inventory of existing appropriations is compiled to determine the availability this application should be denied.

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