

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

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MAR 23 2006
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....73309.....,
FILED BY....REGIONAL UTILITIES.....,
ON.....OCTOBER 3, 2005....., TO APPROPRIATE
THE WATERS OF .UNDERGROUND SOURCES - BASIN No. 21 ...

} PROTEST

Comes nowBright Holland Corporation c/o Mr. Todd Jaksick.....
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is ...4005 Quail Rock Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511.....
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.
whose occupation isWATER RIGHT OWNER..... and protests the granting
of Application Number73309, filed onOctober 3, 2005
byREGIONAL UTILITIES.....to appropriate the
waters of ...Underground Sources.....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:

.....SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application beDENIED.....
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 Michael D. Buschelman
Agent or protestant

.....Michael D. Buschelman - Agent.....
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address.....Post Office Box 51371,
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
.....Sparks, Nevada 89435.....
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of March, 2006.....
Susan Cox
Notary Public

SUSAN COX
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEVADA
No.05-95399-12 My Appt. Exp. Apr. 11, 2009

State of.....NEVADA.....
County ofWASHOE.....CARRAS CITY

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Exhibit "A"
Formal Protest Requesting Denial of Application No. 73308 & 73309
Applicant - Regional Utilites

Application Nos. 73308 and 73309 filed by Regional Utilities proposes to appropriate 3,800 acre feet of ground water from the Smoke Creek Desert Hydrographic Basin No. 21.

Bright Holland Corporation has numerous proofs of appropriations, permits and applications for surface and ground water rights within the Smoke Creek Desert basin. In addition to water rights, Bright Holland Corporation owns an extensive number of acres of land and grazing permits within this Washoe County basin. Both surface and ground water resources are vital to the financial survival of our business.

In order to protect our interests and our continued financial viability, it is important understand what and how water resources are being utilized within the basin or exported out of the basin. It is unknown at this time what impacts the above applications will have on the Bright Holland Corporation water rights and pending applications. Bright Holland Corporation wants to be involved in any hearing, field investigation and/or other action taken by the State Engineer to obtain additional information on possible impacts to existing water rights and pending applications.

Therefore, this protest is being filed requesting denial of the above applications.