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

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....73683.....,

FILED BY....NEVADA POWER COMPANY AND SIERRA PACIFIC

POWER COMPANY.....ON...30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005...,

TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF...STATE OF NEVADA

} PROTEST

Comes now the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, whose post office address is 702 N. Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500 Ely, NV 89301 and whose occupation is public land management, to protest the granting of Application Number 73683, filed on December 30, 2005 by Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company. to appropriate the waters of an underground source situated in SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 16, T18N, R60E MDM or at a point from which the SE corner of said Section 16, bears S 48 deg 11 min E, a distance of 870 feet (approx. 24 miles W of McGill) White Pine County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit **See attached**

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.

MARILYN CHAPMAN
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE of NEVADA
White Pine County • Nevada
CERTIFICATE #03-82360-17
APPT EXP JUNE 12, 2007

Signed ....William E. Dunn....
Agent or protestant

William E. Dunn, AFM Renewable Resources
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, Nevada 89301

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ....31st....day of....May...., 20..06

....Marilyn Chapman....
Notary Public

State of....Nevada....

County of ....White Pine....

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ATTACHMENT FOR PROTESTS OF APPLICATIONS 73683
(Jakes Valley)

This application is being protested by the Bureau of Land Management because it would exceed the estimated perennial yield for Jakes Valley (Basin 174). According to the State of Nevada's Water Resources and Inter-Basin Flows Map, the estimated perennial yield for Jakes Valley (Basin 174) is 12,000 acre feet. Existing water rights total approximately 1,800 acre feet leaving 10,200 acre feet. This application, along with the other six applications filed by Nevada Power Company in Jakes Valley (Basin 174), would use 15,200 acre feet exceeding what is available by 5,000 acre feet.

Granting water rights for these applications are not in the public interest because the loss of groundwater would affect habitat for wildlife and wild horses. Deer Spring, Indian Spring, and Willow Spring are located near the applications and could be affected by the drawdown from these applications.