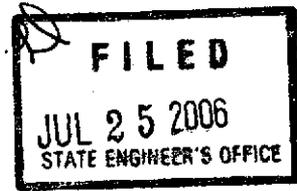


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73958
FILED BY Elko County
ON March 03, 2006 TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Elko County

} PROTEST



Comes now Coni D. Steward
whose post office address is 701 Mt. City Hwy #2 Elko Nevada 89801
whose occupation is Metallurgical Technician and protests the granting
of Application Number 73958 filed on March 03, 2006
by Elko County to appropriate the
waters of North Fork Area situated in Elko County

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

There is a direct connection between the Ground Water Elko County will be pumping and our domestic wells in this area. Not only will it affect our wells but also, it could affect our surface waters, springs, seeps, and the aquifer. It could not only have an impact on our domestic use and our livelihood but it could also effect livestock, wildlife and increase fire danger due to less water supply for forage, vegetation, soil, and the rangelands we call home. We also will want to protect our water for our area and not allow it to be pump out to other counties and cities. To my knowledge no research or testing has been done to evaluate if the aquifer is the same one as our wells run off of or what the impact of the pumping of the proposed well will do to our ground water supply. The families in this area have invested a lot of time and money in their wells and land that they have to maintain on their own. The proposed well could have yet another financial and hardship burden to local homeowners.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Denied/subject to prior use/ Rights
Denied, based 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 Coni D. Steward
Agent or protestant
Coni D. Steward
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address 701 Mt. City Hwy #2
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City, State and Zip Code
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Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 2006
Christine Woodard
Notary Public



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