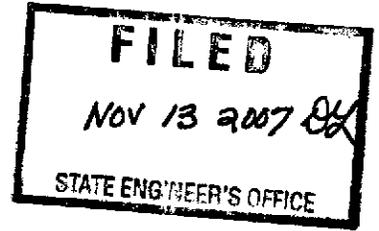


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....
FILED BY Pershing County
ON....., 20....., TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground



PROTEST



Comes now Pershing County
whose post office address is P. O. Drawer E, Lovelock, NV 89419
whose occupation is County Government and protests the granting
of Application Number 76351 filed on October 4 2007
by High Rock Holding, LLC to appropriate the
waters of Underground situated in Pershing County

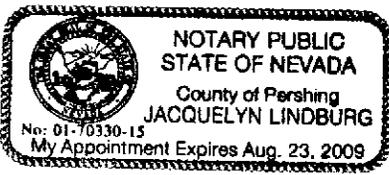
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
See attached Attachment "A"

THEREFORE the Protester requests that the application be Denied
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Darin Bloyed
Darin Bloyed Agent or protestant

Chairman - ~~Pershing~~ County Board of Commissioners
Address P. O. Drawer Lovelock, NV 89419

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of November 2007
Jacquelyn Lindburg Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Pershing



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EXHIBIT "A"

Pershing County protests the applications for transfer of ground water from basin 024, for High Rock Holding, LLC. Pershing County places all parties on notice that Pershing as a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and on behalf of the residents and landowners of the County protests these applications on the following grounds:

1. The total allocation of groundwater requested for this basin by High Rock Holding, LLC and would possibly cause depletions in other basins within the county;
2. The Applicant has failed to justify the need to export the water from this basin to another as required by NRS 533.370;
3. The proposed action is environmentally unsound as it relates to exportation of the water from the basin as set forth in NRS 533.370;
4. The proposed action of exporting water from the basin is not an appropriate long-term use of the water and will unduly limit the future growth and development, including but not limited to agricultural, ranching and economic use, in the basin as set forth in NRS 533.370;
5. High Rock Holding, LLC does not own land in the county and would have to acquire significant rights on and across private, federal and state lands to gain access and transport the water;
6. High Rock Holding, LLC, does not have the existing infrastructure to transport the water;
7. The requested allocation will negatively impact future use of the land in the basin;
8. The requested allocation will remove water from the basin with no reclamation of the water to the basin.

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