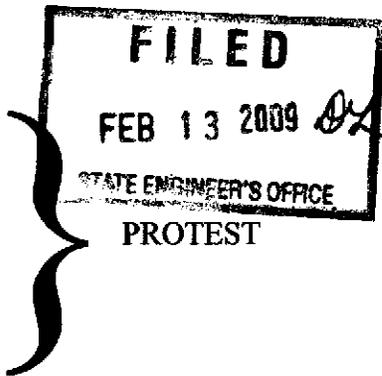


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION
NUMBER...77576.....
FILED BY. WASHOE COUNTY OF RENO



STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
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ON...7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008..., TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF BIG DITCH CLAIMS 687, AND 688.

Comes now Big Ditch Company

Printed or typed name of protestant

Whose post office address is.P. O. Box 18752/Reno Nv. 89511-0752

Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.

Whose occupation is a Non-Profit Corporation..... And
protests the granting

Of Application Number .77576....., filed on12-22-08.....

By.... Washoe Co of Reno

.....to appropriate the

Waters of ...Big Ditch. Company.....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:

- ..1. It is imperative that the Ditch Co. keeps all its water to help maintain an adequate head of water for irrigation
- 2. By maintaining this water in the valley it helps to recharge the ground water. .

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.

Signed *Richard Taras*
Agent or protestant

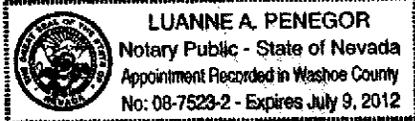
RICHARD TARAS President
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address. *605 CHANCE LN*
Street No. or P.O. Box No.

RENO NV 89521
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13th* day of *February*, 20*09*

Luanne A. Penegor
Notary Public



State of *Nevada*

County of *Washoe*

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