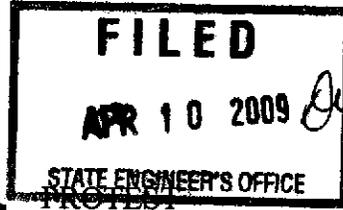


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER...77835.....  
FILED BY...DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.....  
ON.....JANUARY 20, 2009..... TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF  
...UNDER GROUND, HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN 172 .



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Comes now.....Wade Poulsen, General Manager, Lincoln County Water District

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whose occupation is .....General Manager..... and protests the granting

of Application Number .....77835.....filed on .....January 20 .....2009.....

by .....Department Of Energy .....to appropriate the

waters of .....Underground.....situated in .....Nye.....  
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:

Considering the existing ground – water permits and pending applications, the granting of these permits could potentially injure prior rights, and is not in the best interest of the public.

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 *Wade Poulsen*  
Agent or protestant

Wade Poulsen  
Printed or typed name, if agent

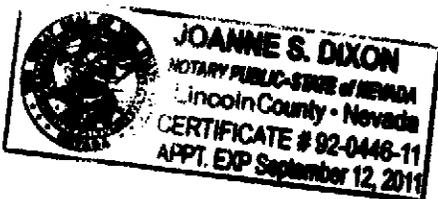
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..24...day of...March....., 2009.....

*Joanne S. Dixon*  
Notary Public

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