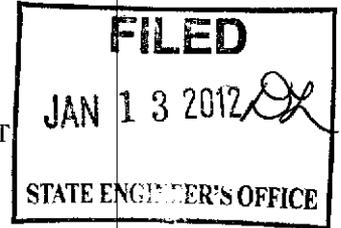


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81313
FILED BY GARY SNOW LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN
ON NOVEMBER 16, 20 11



PROTEST



Comes now TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES c/o Joseph Westerlund

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P.O. Box 151, Tonopah, Nevada, 89049

Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code

whose occupation is Maintenance Utility Supervisor

and protests the granting

of Application Number 81313

, filed on November 16

, 20 11

by Gary Snow Livestock and Grain

for the

waters of Ray's Wells

situated in Nye

an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

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

See Exhibit A, attached hereto.

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

Joseph Westerlund

Agent or protestant

JOSEPH WESTERLUND

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

P.O. BOX 151

Street No. or PO Box

TONOPAH, NV 89049

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775-482-6643

Phone Number

tpu@frontiernet.net

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10th

day of

January

, 20 12



CHRISTINE L. MULHERNS
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEVADA
NYE COUNTY
APPT. No. 06-109782-14
MY APPT. EXPIRES DEC. 7, 2014

Christine L. Mulhern

Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of Nye

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Exhibit "A"
Formal Protest Requesting Denial of Application No. 81313
Applicant – Gary Snow Livestock and Grain

Gary Snow Livestock and Grain, under Application No. 81313 proposes to utilize groundwater in the amount of 0.1 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from Ray's Wells for stock watering for seven (7) months of the year from the Ralston Valley Hydrographic Groundwater Basin No. 137A.

A request for denial is based on the following concerns:

Nye County and the Town of Tonopah have always been active in groundwater and surface water management issues regarding the Ralston Valley Hydrographic Basin and surrounding basins. At this time, the only municipal water source for the Town of Tonopah is supplied from a well field located in the Ralston Valley Hydrographic Basin.

The Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities, a water right owner within Ralston Valley Basin 141, protests this application for the following reasons:

The Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities believes that when one entity or individual, is granted or has been granted a water right by the State Water Engineer, and then develops that right, then that individual or entity owns that right until they forfeit, sell, or relinquish the right. When another entity or individual who desires to use that right and all of the associated improvements such as: wells, pipes, pumps, right of ways, etc., that entity must have the permission from the original grantee or the existing water right holder. If the State Water Engineer grants water rights to an applicant who only has to file over existing improvements in order to use those existing improvements or infrastructure for their gain, the Town of Tonopah believes that its investment in developing water rights and infrastructure to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the Town of Tonopah, could be filed on by any entity or individual and then used by any entity or individual without the Town's permission. The Town of Tonopah believes this sets a dangerous precedence for the State of Nevada.

WATER RIGHTS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF TONOPAH/TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES:

The following is a summary of the active municipal water rights owned by the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities that could be impacted.

Permit No.

45148	45151	69156
45149	45221	69157
45150	54929	69158

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