

5. Granting the application would threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest in light of the over-appropriation of the groundwater available in the basin, and the resulting inability of the perennial yield to serve existing permits and commitments with groundwater, and in light of the obligations of the State Engineer pursuant to NRS Chapters 533, 534, and 278 to require that there be adequate plans to protect existing rights, uses and commitments of groundwater, and to exercise all appropriate authority and discretion to control over-demand on the source and to protect both the public and other right holders of both surface and groundwater rights.

6. Granting the application would threaten to prove detrimental to the Tribe, to the purposes for which the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation was created, and to the public interest, by depleting flows in the Truckee River and reducing inflows to Pyramid Lake, for the reasons stated above and because of the connection, both legal and physical, between groundwater and surface water in the basin, and which depleted Truckee River flows would operate to the detriment of the threatened and endangered species inhabiting Pyramid Lake and the lower Truckee River, and impair instream flows.

7. Granting the application may threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest in ways that are not yet known to this Protestant, but which may arise or first become known to this Protestant in the period between the date of filing of the Application and the hearing on the protested Application - by way of example Fernley's Application #57555 was filed on May 1, 1992, and the hearing was not held until February 6, 2006 - and in light of the position of the State Engineer that a specifically stated protest ground may not be amended regardless of the extensive passage of time between the date the protest is required to be filed, and the date of the hearing on a protested application.

8. Granting the application would threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest.

9. This Protestant incorporates in this Protest by reference as if fully set forth herein every relevant protest ground set forth in any other Protest filed by any other Protestant regarding this application.

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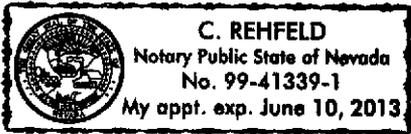
THEREFORE this Protestant requests that the above-referenced application be denied and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March, 2012.



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