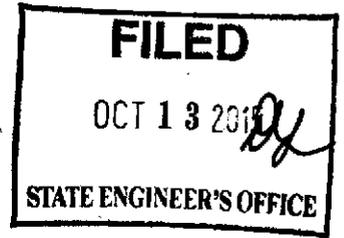


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 85237
FILED BY DAJIN RESOURCES (US) CORPORATION
ON AUGUST 20, 2015



PROTEST



Comes now NANCY BOLAND, ESMERALDA COUNTY

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P.O. BOX 145, GOLDFIELD, NEVADA 89013

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

whose occupation is CHAIR OF BOARD OF ESMERALDA COUNTY COMMISSION

and protests the granting

of Application Number 85237

, filed on AUGUST 20,

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by DAJIN RESOURCES (US) CORPORATION

for the

waters of Alkali Springs Valley, Esmeralda, 142

situated in ESMERALDA

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 ATTACHMENT "EXHIBIT A"

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

Nancy Boland

Agent or protestant

NANCY BOLAND

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

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County of ESMERALDA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

October 6, 15

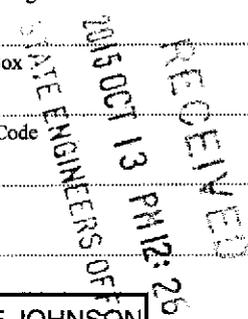
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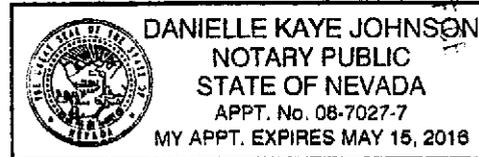
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Danielle Kaye Johnson

Signature of Notary Public Required



Notary Stamp or Seal Required

+ \$30 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

Exhibit "A"

Esmeralda County Protest of Application No. 85237

The grounds of Esmeralda County's Protest are respectfully set forth below.

1. The Dajun Resource Corp. application 85237 has been filed in Alkali Spring Valley basin to appropriate 1000 afa of brine from the valley floor playa for lithium extraction. The information that is provided with the application is insufficient to assess the potential effects to fresh water resources of the basin as a result of the proposed extraction of 1000 afa of brine. Significant questions have not been addressed – such as - will pumping of this magnitude of brine over the long-term induce freshwater into the playa environment? Will there be an impact of the freshwater if brine is reintroduced.
2. The perennial yield of Alkali Spring Valley (HA 142) is currently estimated by NDWR to be 3,000 AFA, based on the Water Resources Reconnaissance work of Rush (1968). Currently, there is 3,343.95 afa of existing permitted commitments of groundwater in the basin as compiled by NDWR (1,895.95 afa), plus up to 2.0 cfs (1448 afa) associated with Permit 22690 which is not included in the NDWR tabulation. To the extent that the proposed action may induce and inadvertently consume fresh water resources, or to the extent that fresh water may be needed to support the proposed action, there is not unappropriated groundwater in the hydrographic basin to support an additional consumptive use.
3. Pumping of the magnitude proposed under Application 85237 in a playa environment seems potentially speculative as to whether it could be accomplished at the proposed point of diversion. One would envision that multiple wells with multiple points of diversion may be required.
4. The extent of drawdown resulting from long-term extraction of 1,000 afa may produce detrimental effects at the county's Klondike wells (permits 55627 and 60963), the primary potable water source for the town of Goldfield.

Based on the foregoing, Esmeralda County requests that the State Engineer deny application 85237, unless sufficient information is provided to ascertain potential long-term affects to freshwater resources of the Alkali Spring Valley basin, inclusive of potential effects to groundwater quantity and quality, and Esmeralda County's Klondike wellfield.

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RE: PROTEST OF APPLICATION 85237 FIELD BY DAJIN RESOURCES (US) CORPORATION

Please find enclosed a Protest, in duplicate, by Esmeralda County for the application for water filed in Alkali Springs Valley, Basin 142 by Dajin Resources (US) Corporation, Application Number 85237, along with the filing fee of \$30.00

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Public Works Director

Cc: Board of County Commissioner Esmeralda County

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