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State	'S EXHIBIT 18
DATE:	7-15-08

Re: Recognition as Interested Person – Application Nos. 54022

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Pursuant to NAC §533.100, Terrence P. Marasco & Great basin Hospitality & Sports, Baker Nevada hereby requests recognition as an Interested Person with respect to Application Nos. 54022. Enclosed is the \$25.00 fee required by NAC §533.100.

Pursuant to NAC §533.100(2), Terrence P. Marasco hereby sets forth the following grounds in support of a showing of extreme circumstances that prevented Terrence P Marasco from filing a protest to Application Nos. 54022. in a timely manner:

1. I own properties and 4 businesses (motel, restaurant, art and antiques shop, and sports equipment rentals) in Baker Nevada which depend on recreation and tourism for income. The rec and tourism components are hunters, fisherfolk, day drives, RV traffic, bird watchers, hiker, xCountry skiers, snowshoers, campers and more.
2. I depend on the wells of the Baker GID for drinking and culinary water. I also have two wells that are used to maintain gardens for the use of guests and general aesthetics of the properties.
3. [I/ENTITY NAME] did not file a protest at the time of the original application, because [REASON].

I did not live here at the time the applications were filed (20 years ago)but bought a business that depends on a sustainable water supply from groundwater wells, and sustains the recreation and scenic values for a profitable business, and sustains the selling price of my businesses and real estate now and in near- and long-terms. All of the above would be harmed if the project allows any water whatsoever.

I am planning to expand the businesses which will require additional water by developing raw land into camping grounds which will require additional city and irrigation waters.

Other businesses are expanding and will require additional water. The area has huge growth potential because of the Great Basin National Park, also threatened by the project, and the trend for urbanites and suburbanites to seek quiet and environmentally enhanced places to recreate and vacation.

Of personal and business concern is the environment that sustains local economies, ways of life, and the habitats of plants and animals.

4. The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is the successor in interest to the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD), the entity that filed Application Nos. 54022 – 54030.
5. SNWA and the LVVWD delayed the consideration of Application Nos. 54022 for almost 20 years, during which time it has become clear that the water table in Snake Valley already is declining and that the export of water from Snake Valley by SNWA would devastate the economy and environment of Snake Valley. This delay clearly constitutes an extreme circumstance warranting recognition of [ENTITY/INDIVIDUAL] as an Interested Person for the hearing on Application Nos. 54022 – 54030.
6. The unprecedented magnitude of the proposed water project and its potential impact also supports a finding of extreme circumstances. And there is insufficient science to support the project. In fact in public statement Ms Mulroy has stated that: “no one knows how much water is there yet she is asserting that it is with this application.
7. SNWA Application Nos. 54022 seek a quantity of water that would substantially impact the springs and stream flows upon which all Snake Valley residents and wildlife depend.
8. Absent recognition as an Interested Person pursuant to NAC §533.100, Terrence P. Marasco will have no forum in which to present evidence on these potential impacts and their public policy ramifications.

Based on the grounds set forth above, request is respectfully made for recognition as an Interested Person in proceedings to be held on Application Nos. 54022.

Sincerely,



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