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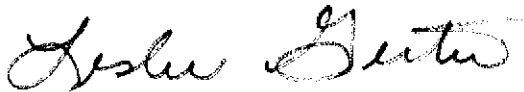
Ms. Susan Joseph-Taylor, Chief Hearing Officer  
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**Re: Opposition to Water Pipeline**

I was working for a Las Vegas homebuilder during the late 1980s when a letter of water commitment was required from the LVVWD before building permits could be issued. Las Vegas had built to the point of running out of water, based on Nevada's allotment of Colorado River water. After the SNWA was formed, this requirement went away??? The Las Vegas Sun researched the reason for this sudden change as a gamble made by Pat Mulroy and others that the federal gov. wouldn't deny Las Vegas Colorado River water if we overbuilt our allotment. And overbuild, Las Vegas did. Since then the Colorado River has shown us that the amount of flows calculated before Hoover Dam was built were overly optimistic.

So, now that we've intentionally overbuilt our water availability, is it OK to steal Northern Nevada's water? I don't think so. We need to face the fact that we cannot sustain more population growth just so people that have made a lot of money in the process of Las Vegas overbuilding, can make more money. Take your money and go overbuild somewhere else!! This is a perfect opportunity for Las Vegas to take Reno's stance of growth based on water availability!!!

Sincerely,



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