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Docket Number: 07A-TR001-DWR

Dear Judge Shedden,

I am the chairperson of a RIPPLE committee for the incorporation of five communities located in the North West corner of the State of Arizona. These communities are Little Field, Beaver Dam, Desert Springs, Scenic, and Arvada Arizona. The majority of the RIPPLE membership and their Directors have asked that I respectfully protest the application for a permit to transport water out of the State of Arizona by the applicant: Wind River Resources, L.L.C.

The basis for our request is as follow:

Independent Hydrology Studies are needed before any approval is given

There is little information available about the Virgin River Aquifer. It is really unknown what this application will do to the elevation of the water level of the aquifer. Sufficient independent hydrology studies have not been undertaken to determine the effect of withdrawing groundwater and selling it to water users in Mesquite, Nevada. Will the total amount removed from the water table exceed the yearly recharge? If that were to happen it will place an undue hardship on all of us trying to build a future in this area.

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Lowering of the Aquifer water level will deprive the communities of water for future requirements

RIPPLE has contracted with Leslie and Associates Inc. a civil Engineering Firm located in Cedar City, Utah, we asked them to calculate future water requirements to meet Mohave County/Virgin River Community Area Plan as follows.

Virgin River Community Area Plan Residential Densities.

These demands were calculated using the Arizona Department of Water Resources Generic Demand Calculator.

Dwelling Units Description	Total planned	Water acre feet Requirements	
High Dwelling Units	97,634	33,828	
Low Dwelling Units	40,355	14,230	
Commercial Acre Units	1,156	2,601	
Commercial Neighborhood Acre Units	591	1,330	
Commercial Industrial Acre Units	1,911	4,300	School
Acre Units	278	425	
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Demand requirements in Acre Feet	56,714		

In addition to our future water requirements there is approximately 5600 acres of BLM Land that could become available for private and commercial uses.

Lack of sufficient potable water will limit growth and self-determination of Arizona communities

Little information is available concerning water availability in quantities large enough to support a tax base sufficient to support the population growth that we anticipate in the near future, and additional information requires test wells and more studies before any water is allowed to leave the area. As a community we are considering incorporation to provide for a local government. Approval of this application will limit the amounts of available water to these Arizona communities which will slow or delay commercial development, and residential housing development. It could also deter or delay investments in this area for industrial development. As you will be able to see from our demand requirements, the lack of sufficient potable water to support development will severely limit the potential for growth and self-determination.

Approval will set a dangerous precedent for the future

Proponents of this application would have you believe that the recharge yearly to the aquifer is so large that the 4.5 billion gallons of water they plan to pump out of the State annually will not affect any of the above. We maintain that even if this could possibly turn out to be true, approval of the application will set a dangerous precedent for future Arizona deals risking water resources through-out the State.

Judge Shedden Sir, without further long-term studies we just do not know enough about the aquifer and the recharge to risk giving away our precious resource. We again ask that you **do not** approve the application of Wind River Resources L.L.C.

Sincerely,

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