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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)
FOR TRANSFER NO. 72435)
IN THE NAME OF BIG SKY FARMS)
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OBJECTION TO ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO
EXTEND TIME FOR TAKING
DEPOSITIONS

I wish to voice my objection to this extension because Mr. McFarland and his attorney Mr. Williams have had ample opportunity to do their work.

In the pre-hearing conference Mr. Williams indicated that it was a waste of time to try to compromise, his words were, "in my experience in these kinds of matters it is better to just go directly to a hearing". He did not even present his client's intentions for the Protestants to comment on.

Mr. Williams stated that "he knew the law, and if we didn't we should retain an attorney". Here again saying that he was prepared to go directly to the hearing process.

When asked why the Protestants couldn't talk about the case, he said he wouldn't comment until the final hearing.

If, Mr. Williams was so prepared to go to final hearing, why is there a need for this extension?

If Mr. McFarland has changed his plans for the amount of water for transfer he should be made to reapply when he can finally decide what his application will be.

Dated this 6 day of July, 2007.

Harold S. Dimond
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Protestant