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Salt Lake City, UT 84108  
September 16, 2018

Mr. Keith L. Jones, State Engineer  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
1594 West North Temple Suite 220  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6300

PROTEST FEE PAID

18-04396 *wl*  
15<sup>00</sup> for 044046

Re: a44045(57-7796) and a44046(57-10711)

Dear Mr. Jones:

I'm writing in regard to the recent request by the Emigration Improvement District (EID) for approval to construct 568 additional homes and 43 wells in Emigration Canyon. I oppose this request for the reasons outlined below.

In 2004, my wife and I bought a house in Emigration Canyon that stands next to Freeze Creek. The house included a water right; and that, as well as the creekside location of the property, affected the price. Both are desirable features, and we paid accordingly.

The actions of EID have had adverse effects for us. Over the past years, as construction has proceeded in Emigration Oaks, water usage has increased greatly. We have seen the visible effects on surface water. In our first years as residents, Freeze Creek flowed year-round, except in winter, when it lived up to its name and froze. The first sign of trouble came when the creek dried up in late summer, briefly. Then it began to dry up in late summer for longer periods. This year it went dry in early July. Emigration Creek, which has never gone dry in the experience of long-time residents, went dry in August.

If our well goes dry because of increasing construction and increasing water usage, we'll have to connect to the EID system. The current charge is \$13,450. We already pay a stand-by fee of \$480 a year, imposed by EID. We've paid several thousand dollars already in order to pay much more if, because of EID's action, our well goes dry. The financial loss to us has been considerable. If we try to sell our house, we anticipate losing a good part of our investment since two attractive features—the

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creekside location and the water right—may well have lost their value already.

I urge you not to approve EID's request, which is to the detriment of those of us who paid for and who retain water rights. I enclose a check for \$15.00, for the protest fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Hallett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Ronald Hallett