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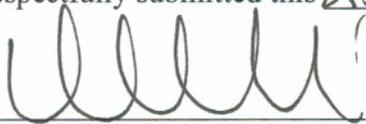
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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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In Re:)	
)	APPELLANT GREAT
Appeal of Water Pollution Control Permit)	BASIN MINE WATCH'S
)	RESPONSE TO
NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine)	REQUEST TO EXTEND
)	BRIEFING SCHEDULE
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In lieu of the SEC's rescheduling of the hearing in the above-referenced matter, Great Basin Mine Watch, by and through its undersigned attorney, Nicole U. Rinke, does not oppose NDEP's request for an extension of the briefing schedule for the hearing. However, because of other scheduling issues, GBMW requests that if the SEC grants NDEP's request for extension, GBWM receive until December 9, 2005, rather than December 1, 2005 as suggested by NDEP, to file its reply. NDEP's attorney, Bill Frey indicated, during a telephone conversation on October 21, 2005, the day after he filed the request for extension, that NDEP did not object to that alternative date.

Respectfully submitted this 25 day of October 2005,

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I, Nicole Rinke, hereby certify that I served the foregoing upon the following individuals via USPS or hand delivery, this 25 day of October, 2005:

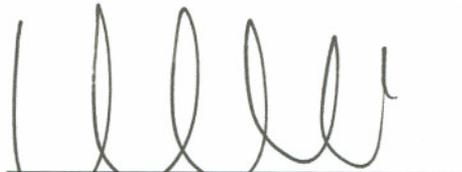
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