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[Petition of Residents of Agua Fria: Water Rights]

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Your Excellency W. T. Thornton, Governor of New Mexico

We, petitioners, residents of Santa Fe County Precinct No. 5 who have signed below, owners of various properties and heads of families, respectfully present to your Excellency that we have been unjustly deprived of our Santa Fe river water rights by the Santa Fe Water Company. Many of our families, our animals, and we petitioners are suffering greatly because the Santa Fe Water Company is diverting the Santa Fe river water that we have had an irrevocable privilege [right] to use since our ancestors time. As of the present date we still have not been able to plant our crops for lack of water; crops that we depend on to support our families.

For these reasons, to your Excellency, as the Executive of the New Mexico Territory, we ask that you take the necessary steps that are just and proper to ensure that our water rights are respected and that you grant our plea, otherwise our families will perish of hunger because we cannot plant our crops for lack of water. Observing that solely we the inhabitants of said Precinct No. 5 know the severity of the present calamity, and that as of this date we have not been able to get one solitary drop of water for our crops nor one solitary drop of water for our animals.

We petitioners

Continue pleading to you

1. *Jesús Montoya*
2. *Encarnacion Ribal* *4 dependents*
3. *Lino Montoya*
4. *Eloisa Lopez* *5 dependents*
5. *Pablo Ortiz*
6. *Refugio Romero*
7. *Carlos Ortiz*
8. *Manuelita Romero* *5 dependents*
9. *Bonifacio Rivera*

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10. <i>Juanita Ortiz</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
11. <i>Deluina Gallegos</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
12. <i>Jose Montoya</i>	
13. <i>Isabel Gallegos</i>	<i>3 dependents</i>
14. <i>Emiterio Ribera</i>	
15. <i>Ignasito Lopez</i>	<i>5 dependents</i>
16. <i>Pedro Varela</i>	
17. <i>Ambrichita Gonzales</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
18. <i>Cirvais Baca</i>	
19. <i>Inacia Montoya</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
20. <i>Acenseion Romero</i>	
21. <i>Juanita Baca</i>	<i>8 dependents</i>
22. <i>Manuelita Rael</i>	<i>2 dependents</i>
23. <i>Amiseta Rael</i>	<i>2 dependents</i>
24. <i>Felipe Trujillo</i>	
25. <i>Salome Rael</i>	<i>3 dependents</i>
26. <i>Condellario Gonzales</i>	<i>7 dependents</i>
27. <i>Juanita Sena</i>	
28. <i>Jose Antonio Montoya</i>	
29. <i>And Getrudes Mora</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
30. <i>Abrañ Erererera</i>	
31. <i>Rafina Montoya and</i>	<i>2 dependents</i>
32. <i>Camilo Erera and</i>	
33. <i>Juan La Romero</i>	<i>1 dependent</i>
34. <i>Agafrito Erera</i>	
35. <i>And Sifrirana Lusero and</i>	<i>2 dependents</i>
36. <i>Neclas Lopez</i>	
37. <i>And Sabinita Tafoya and</i>	<i>4 dependents</i>
38. <i>Juan Lopez</i>	
39. <i>And Petra Martinez and</i>	<i>1 dependent</i>
40. <i>Antonio Mora</i>	
41. <i>Feroseno Gurule</i>	
42. <i>And Isabel Erera</i>	
43. <i>Felisia Martin</i>	
44. <i>Francisco Carillo y</i>	
45. <i>Selestino Romero</i>	

46. Perolina Ernandes	
47. Juan Gonzales	
48. Juanita Romero and	2 dependents
49. Miguel Carillo	
50. Simona Bustamante and	3 dependents
51. Tiburcio Lopez	
52. Juanita Montoya	
53. Longino Tafuya	
54. Candelario Baca	
55. Pablo Gonzalez y Tomistina	2 dependents
56. Jose Padia	
57. Juanita Baca	
58. Manuel Gonzalez	
59. Candelario Romero	2 dependents
60. Candelario Romero	
61. Tomita Lopez	4 dependents
62. Dolores Lopez	2 dependents
63. Petra Montoya	1 dependent
64. Fabian Lopez and ??	5 dependents
65. Margarita Tafuya	
66. Ysidro Lopez	
67. Tonita Montoya	1 dependent
68. Bisente Camilla	
69. Placida Lopez	1 dependent

$N=97 + 69 = 166$ persons