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Albany, New York 12203
Monday, June 9, 1980

Mr. George B. Elliott
Regional Permit Administrator
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Region IV
Stamford, New York 12167

Dear Mr. Elliott:

On behalf of the McKownville Improvement Association, I wish to become a party-in-interest at a public hearing on the application of the Westmere and McKownville Water Districts, Water Supply Application No. 7271; DEC Project # 401-09-0150 W.S. We would like the hearing to be held as soon as possible in McKownville so that residents may readily attend.

We are opposed to the use of the words "permanent" and "sole" for the reasons which include, but are not limited, to the following:

1. In this day and age, when sources of supply of water grow shorter all the time, it appears that these words are incongruous with the times. This is brought to light more and more by the problems of surrounding areas.

2. We do not have any sufficient data to justify that the water is totally unusable or cannot be made useable in the future.

3. During the Crossgate Mall hearings, testimony was given that there are major ground water supplies in the Pine Bush area, which are near the McKownville Reservoir.

4. It would deprive the residents of McKownville of determining the use of the water and land in the future.

Your acknowledgement of this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Melvyn L. Behn
President