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Dear Mr. Gordon:

In Re: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC), et al WQD, Chapter 2.

The government (state and federal) should be, as suggested by President Lincoln, a "...government of the people, by the people, for the people..." The position advocated by the PRBRC, if accepted as a rule, would result in government of the many, by the few and for the few. If these few petitioners have legitimate grievances, adequate facility for pursuing legal remedy for these grievances already exists in the state and federal courts and legislatures; and I suggest that that these are the avenues through which such grievances should be pursued and only against the offending parties and not against the CBNG (aka CBM) industry as a whole.

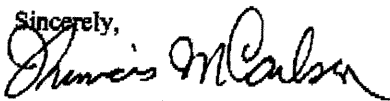
I am a registered professional petroleum engineer in this great state of ours. My wife, Charla, and I are both progeny of homesteaders in the Big Horn Basin that date back to the early 20th century. Although my career has forced me to leave Wyoming on occasion, I have always been mindful of opportunities for employment here. My current job as a petroleum reservoir engineer in the CBNG industry with Yates Petroleum Corporation allows me that opportunity. If the substance of this petition should become a rule, this job would likely cease to exist, forcing me to seek employment elsewhere or to be transferred out of the state. This would also be the case for many others in this industry.

Somewhat less tangible than employment, but important, the CBNG industry brings personnel and companies to Wyoming who go beyond their mere employment in contributing their time, talent, and treasure in attempting to bring a better life to Wyomingites. As a modest example, since our arrival in Gillette in 2001, my wife Charla and I have served as members of the Board of Directors of Gillette Community Theatre (GCT) of which Charla is currently President. GCT aspires to build a permanent home to expand the cultural opportunities available to residents of the rapidly growing city of Gillette. My company, Yates Petroleum, continues to support GCT and other local charities through financial contributions. Charla is also a member of the Energizers, a group of ambassadors for the Gillette Chamber of Commerce. If the substance of this petition should become a rule and my employment terminated or transferred, we and similarly situated others in this industry will likely be required to leave the area and take with us and them such gratuitous efforts and financial support.

It is my understanding that the petitioners are demanding water discharge standards that exceed those of other industries and even the drinking water standards of the City of Gillette. I believe this petition is not about balancing the interests of the residents in the Powder River Basin. It is about unfairly targeting and ending the CBNG industry here. Its success would take with it all of the benefits that the industry now provides the citizens of this community and state through employment, the charitable efforts of the industry's companies and employees, the tax revenue it provides to the state of Wyoming, and the contribution of the industry to the resolution of the national security problem of foreign energy dependence. In the best interest of all concerned, the substance of this petition should NOT become a rule.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,



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