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RE: In opposition of the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking - Powder River Basin Resource Council et al - Revised Version - WQD Chapter 2.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

My wife and I are partners in Land Surveying Incorporated, a surveying firm in Gillette. We both take pride in the fact that our business was created by two people and now consists of thirteen hard working individuals. Some of which that have moved from far to be employed in Northeast Wyoming. Granted we are not a huge business in comparison to others, but each one of us pay our taxes, send our kids to school and love Wyoming for the big wonderful opportunities that it has to offer.

The petition that you heard on the January 17-18, 2007 was put together by a very small amount of petitioners and fails to represent the entire population of Wyoming. I oppose the Petition for Rulemaking - Powder River Basin Resource Council et al Revised Version - WQD Chapter 2. Don't allow such a small amount of petitioners to create rule changes that will create financial ramifications to the State of Wyoming. This rule change comes across targeted directly at the CBM industry. I understand that if said rule change takes place that it will all but eliminate the discharge of CBM water. There are more than eleven ranchers in the Powder River Basin that are using the water for beneficial use. Many of whom use discharge water daily to water livestock and offer water to wildlife.

Several of the operators offer irrigation systems to families that have lived their entire lives without having water for gardens and lawns, because they couldn't afford the electricity to operate their well. I was told first hand by an older rancher that he lived his entire life in Campbell County without seeing water flow down drainages other than storm events. My understanding is that the Attorney General's office has repeatedly suggested that you don't allow the said rule change. Please listen to the advice and don't jeopardize the economic benefits as well as the every day use of CBM discharged water that the CBM industry has to offer. I totally understand there are negative effects and not all discharged CBM water is equal in quality. From my understanding the operators have developed several different ways to deal with water quality that have become very beneficial. The rule change would create water qualities for CBM water ten times greater than the standards for drinking water. Don't overlook several ranchers in the area have old wells drilled directly into a coal bed seams and drink that water everyday, and never treat it other than small household treatment systems. It seems as though the quality requirements are specifically targeting CBM discharge water and hurting the industry.

Surviving is what I worry about most if the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al – Revised Version – WQD Chapter 2 becomes effective. We will no longer be able to offer employment to 14 different employees if the work isn't needed. Yes we can survive, my wife and I, but the others that have moved from far to this wonderful state will be forced to leave and find jobs else where. What kind of a loss is that to Wyoming? Yes we are a small amount of people but this rule change effect's a large amount of the population of this state.

I hope you receive several more letters opposing the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al – Revised Version – WQD Chapter 2. I believe that the eleven petitioners are the minority and fail to speak for the entire population of this great state. Thanks for the opportunity to speak my mind and pass along my thoughts and please make the correct decision and oppose the rule change.

If you have any question please don't hesitate to call or write.

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