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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman Wyoming Environmental Quality Council 122 West 25th Street Herschler Bldg., Room 1714 Cheyenne, WY 82002

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Dear Mr. Gordon,

We were informed at an information meeting, we attended in Gillette, WY. on 1/25/07, that you have been presented with a petition by Powder River Resource Council to change Wyoming water quality rules to the Environmental Quality Council and that these changes are aimed at water produced from coal bed methane wells. After reading a copy of the petition, we are deeply concerned by how such changes would directly affect us personally and our oil and gas industry companies, which provide drilling and production support to the industry.

We, Jim and Alberta Bowden of Eastern Campbell County, own and operate Bowden Wellsite Services, Inc. and Bowden Management Co, Inc. We currently employ 26 full time people and are just a small part of the workforce that provide services to the coal bed methane development in the Powder River Basin. We feel that if the PRRC petition is adopted, it will basicly shut down the coal bed methane development, and many businesses like ours will be forced out of business, leaving hundreds of people without work.

From our position, we recommend the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking-Powder River Basin Resource Council et al- Revised Version-WQDC Chapter 2, presented to Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council, on January 17-18, 2007, be denied.

Some of the matters in the petition appears to us to be based on flawed reasoning. Furthermore, the proposed changes would shut down our lively hood and the jobs of several employees. We believe the present rules are adequate and have been and still are being properly administered.

We do not have any coal bed methane gas production on any of our land, nor are we apt to, and the nearest production is about 20 miles from us. We don't benefit from any

methane water surface discharge ourselves, but we do have neighbors that depend on this water, for livestock water, in a big way.

During the current drought, that has been ongoing for the last 7 years in northern Wyoming, several ranchers have expressed their appreciation for having coal bed methane water available, which enabled them to provide water for their livestock and kept them from having to sell out.

We have lived in Camphell County all our lives. I have worked in the oil and gas industry for over 40 years. I am a stanch supporter of protecting our environment and our water quality. My wife and I believe that if the current water quality standards are kept and strictly administered, that life can go on in the Powder River Basin, and hundreds of people can continue making a good living, producing a needed resource NATURAL GAS

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to express our feelings.

Sincerely yours,

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