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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource
Council et al – WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon;

I am writing to express my concerns about the above mentioned petition. I am a self employed daycare operator in Gillette and I feel the approval of this petition will impact all business in our community. I have clients who work in the methane business and if the petition is passed as it is written the huge impact will affect the city, county and the state.

Water quality is a concern of many people and businesses in our community and country. Something does need to be done to address water issues, but all sides of this problem need to be considered when making a decision which has such an impact on so many people and businesses. If the methane production is reduced because of changes in water control many people will lose their jobs, the community and the state will lose those people because they will move away from our area. With that loss our retailers will lose shoppers, school enrollment will decrease, and other jobs will be lost because of the decrease in our population. With this decrease comes lower tax revenue, lost opportunities for economic development within the community and future potential growth. Many businesses, including some not involved with oil and gas production, may have to close their doors because of the economic impact.

Although, I do agree that water quality is very important I also believe there are other options to consider besides the above listed petition. Because these options are not addressed in the petition I oppose this petition.

I thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts concerning this matter. If you have any questions to ask me you may contact me at 307-682-1899.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Foster". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane Foster