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

Dear Sir:

In reference to the petition before you, James A. Wolff, Martha Joan Wolff, husband and Wife and son James H. Wolff wish to express our views as owners of a ranch in Campbell County, consisting of 11,080 acres. James A. has ranched and farmed for 65 years, his father and grandfather before him and James H. for 40 years. We feel that the use of methane water has been very beneficial to our cow calf ranch, by watering our livestock during the severe drought that Wyoming has endured the last seven years and still are. I'm sure there is a negative side for the ranches that don't need the water. Having CBM operations on our ranch since 1999 we have beneficial use of the water by installing water tanks all over the ranch suppling water for our cattle and wildlife, where we never had it before. By having this water the wildlife numbers have increased and helped create better fall hunting of the deer and antelope. Having this water has also helped the cattle utilize all the grass on the ranch and improve the calf weights in the fall. CBM operations have improved our ranch by building and shale roads and two track trails to unaccessible places, and building reservoirs. CBM has installed power lines on our ranch, making it possible for us to put electricity to our ranch water wells. Without the use of the water none of this would of happened. Over the past seven years CBM employees have put out 3 lighting started prairie fires before they got very big. They also called us if they noticed any problem with our livestock. What a bonus it is to have CBM people looking out for our ranch and are willing to help when in need. We don't feel the water has caused any damage to our ranch.

We have found from dealing with many methane companies that it is best to set down and have a businesslike discussion with the land men of these various companies, usually coming to an agreement that is suitable to both parties.

We are concerned that if this petition is passed, it will mean most methane activity would cease, many contractors would be out of work and their employees would be laid off

and possibly other jobs of employment are not available. It would be a hardship for many.

In summary we do oppose this petition. If it does pass our ranch will suffer, Campbell County will suffer and our state will suffer.

Thank You.

*James A. Wolff*  
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