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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Sirs:

My name is Karen Sherman and I am the co-owner of Big Horn Water Wagon. We provide water hauling services and frac tank leasing for several of the Energy companies currently operating in the Powder River Basin.

I have recently been made aware that the industries ability to continue producing methane gas is being threatened by the DEQ regarding the Citizens Petition for Rulemaking-Powder River Basin Resource Council er al-Revised Version-WQD Chapter 2.

I am aware that there is a research study being conducted at this time by the University of Wyoming to determine the effects of the water production from these wells on the environment, and is due to be completed by July. I do not believe that there are enough concrete facts available for anyone to make an educated vote on a rule that would so profoundly affect the livelihood of an entire state, let alone the \$40 million dollars in revenue that Sheridan County alone made the previous year. Having come from an area in California whose logging industry was completely decimated by the "spotted owl" controversy I have seen first hand the impact of lost revenue and jobs on an area and how it impacted the families and community.

This is an extremely serious issue and deserves to be approached with great care as it has the potential to cause a great deal of harm. Let's wait until all the facts are in before a decision is arbitrarily made by a few uninformed.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Sherman

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