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Dear Mr. Gordon,

My name is Kim Brown. I guess you might call me a newcomer to Wyoming. I have only been in Wyoming for 10 years. I live and work in Gillette. I am the claims and bonds specialist for BW Insurance.

I understand there is a Pctition against the methane industry. I am writing this to you to let it be known, I am totally opposed to this petition. I am sure that you will hear from many of the people in the methane business, but I am just a regular person here in Wyoming with an opinion.

Texas is my home originally, 40 years worth, I am used to oil, gas, etc. The methane in Wyoming to me seems to be a huge boost for the economy. I see that right here at BW Insurance, as we insure many in the methane industry. Our city has grown by leaps and bounds due to methane. My own two sons are employed by the methane. They have been able to buy houses, and raise their own little families due to the methane. If we lose methane in Wyoming, in my opinion, we will lose Wyoming.

I would like to see Wyoming grow to its capacity. Wyoming is no longer living in the 1800's. This is 2007, and not everyone who lives in the state is a rancher. Yes, ranching is also a huge part of the state and is well needed. But that land has been in families for hundred's of years, and someone new will never get to own it. Other people need to make a living as well.

I also know how dry Wyoming is. This winter is a perfect example of what I am speaking of. Very mild, not much snow, and unless we get ample spring wet snows, what will happen to Wyoming come the summer time?

Well, gee, what about the water from the methane wells....

With Wyoming being so dry, you would think everyone would be delighted with extra water. Ok, let me address the problem....water that is contaminated.....I fully understand where the ranches are concerned with this, as well as citizens concerns for the wildlife. I never once saw an elk in Texas. That is one of the most sacred things to me ...that I can see elk in this state....I would not want contaminated water to harm anything in this state. So, why can't there be filters, or something else worked out between everyone, instead of just calling to basically "shut the state down"?

Please, please don't consider this proposal from the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking- Powder River Basin Resource Council et al-WQD Chapter 2. This would absolutely devastate this Gillette area, not to speak of the whole state. We need to work together on this, everyone in this state, and not just one section of people.

Thank you very much for consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Kim Brown