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RE. Citizen Petition for Rulemaking- Powder River Basin Resource Council et al-
Revised Version – WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I'm writing this letter with regards to the Citizens Petition for Rulemaking which would amend WQD Chapter 2, if approved. I oppose the petition and hope the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (WEQC) will oppose it as well.

The coalbed methane industry has been a strong economic source for the community of Campbell and Johnson County, as well as the entire state. I am very fortunate to be working at the Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County, as an Instructional Assistant. The center provides services for children (approx. 200) from birth to school age, with the addition of parenting classes and has a staff which focuses on children with disabilities and special needs.

Due to the fact that the center is a Campbell County organization, funding is provided by county and state government. The state and county receives a tremendous amount of revenue from the oil and gas industries and a very large portion of that is from coalbed methane royalties. I know the children that go to the center and their families benefit very much from the extra money brought into the state and county from coalbed methane. Many of the parents work within the coalbed methane industry and many jobs would be lost if this petition is approved. It is hard to picture what services will still be available, if any, without the revenue from coalbed methane.

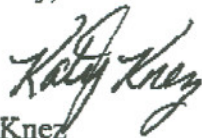
My family, husband and two children (age 8 months and 7 year old) will be greatly impacted if this petition is approved. My husband is employed within the coalbed methane industry. If my husband loses his job, we may be forced to move out of Gillette in search of a new occupation.

I understand that there have been some unfortunate mishaps. However, changing the rules and forcing many people out of a job does not seem to be the most responsible solution.

It would be very much appreciated by many, if the WEQC would not approve the Citizens petition for Rulemaking. The approval of the petition would cause many hardships within the community and state. Many people will be out of a job and children with special needs may not have the opportunity to receive extra services that they need, due to lack of funds.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration, if you have any questions feel free to email me at tknez@bresnan.net.

Sincerely,



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