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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;

For the past four years I have worked for Basic Energy in Gillette, WY. I am a heavy equipment mechanic for Basic Energy. I have worked in energy production for about fourteen years, both in oil and methane production. Basic Energy does works in Baggs, WY and in Johnson, Crook, Campbell, Converse, and Sheridan Counties. Of that work about sixty percent of the work done by the company involves the methane industry. Basic Energy employees many workers within the state and any changes in energy production has a large impact on the company. If water control regulations reduced the production of methane gas in the State of Wyoming, Basic Energy would have to reduce its' workforce. This possible reduction in workforce could jeopardize my job with the company because of lack of work.

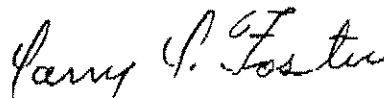
Water quality and water discharge techniques have been a concern of many people and businesses in our community. While the state needs to address water issues, it should evaluate all aspects of this problem before making a decision because it has such an impact on so many people and businesses. If the 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 or 307-660-1899.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Foster".

Larry Foster