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Via Facsimile (307-777-6134) and Regular Mail

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RE: Opposing the Petition for Rulemaking – PRBRC et al – WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon:

My name is Rosemary Edwards of Douglas, Wyoming. My husband, Gerald Edwards, and I own Edwards Drilling, Inc. We oppose rulemaking that reduces or eliminates the ability for coalbed water to be discharged and thus beneficially used. My husband, Gerald, has lived in Wyoming all his life, Campbell County for 45 years and Converse County for 19 years. I have lived in Wyoming with him since 1963. We are the parents of 4 children all born and raised and schooled in Wyoming. Our livelihood has always been made in Wyoming. We started out drilling water wells, then when the coal came we drilled blast holes for them, then when the coal bed methane opened up we drilled and serviced wells for the energy companies involved therein.

After graduating from school, our children were forced to leave their home in Campbell County as there was no work for them. The oil bust of the 1980s took us all down. Then when the coalbed methane opened up, our children were able to come back home to Wyoming bringing their spouses and children with them. They all started and operate their own businesses relating to aspects of the coalbed methane industry. Between us, we employ approximately 28 people and most of those 28 people have spouses and children all residing in Campbell County. To put us out of business by rulemaking that is adverse to the coalbed methane industry is simply not acceptable.

We all live in Wyoming, we work in Wyoming, we are good stewards of Wyoming, we carry mortgages and also have gainful investments in Wyoming. We employ you to make your decision concerning coalbed methane water discharge that will allow us to continue living and working in Wyoming in the coalbed methane industry.

Campbell County has never looked so pretty as it has since coalbed methane water has benefited the wildlife such as deer, antelope, birds, elk in some places, and many other creatures that live in our environment. The animals and fowl have benefited tremendously as have the cattle and sheep of the ranchers who LOVE the coalbed water methane water. From listening to a lot of "coffee chatter" these ranchers who have this water is in the majority of the ranchers. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Rosemary Edwards