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Ref: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al –
Revised Version – WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am Branch Manager for Wilson Supply in Gillette Wyoming. We are a supplier to the oil and gas industry. The opinions in this letter may and may not represent the opinions of Wilson but are my opinions as a citizen of Wyoming and worker in this state.

As manager I see the distribution of business for our branch and know that without the business of the CBM producers we will not need a store in Gillette. I also see the customers that are picking up the material for the CBM producers and there are roustabout crews, drillers, truckers, fabricators, etc. that are affected by what affects the CBM producers. The selling price of gas has taken a severe downturn in recent months causing many of the producers to significantly reduce the number of wells they plane to drill this year. Anything that increases their cost of production increases the chance that production is not profitable or that the margin of profit is not enough to continue producing in this state. Without the CBM Producers the State of Wyoming losses a tremendous source of tax revenue and the direct and indirect employer of thousands of workers. The service industry of non-CBM producing counties such as Natrona will also be affected since fabricated products, equipment, and supplies are coming from these areas.

The regulation change as I understand it is directed only to the CBM production while ignoring the discharge that is taking place from oil and natural gas production as well as coal mining and other sources. It would seem that all produced water would have to be judged in the same manner not singling out one type of production. I am not an attorney but it seems like the type of regulation that would be challenged in court because it is arbitrarily directed toward one industry. I understand the State Attorney General's office has cautioned against this petition and the rule it proposes.

I am not directly involved in ranching but understand that not all ranchers are opposed to CBM production or the water produced. Many of the ranchers in Campbell County are on record as supporting the CBM Producers and enjoy a benefit from the water produced. My brother-in-laws farm and ranch in the Big Horn Basin and have needed more water than as been available for the last several years. The quantity of water referenced by the petitioners could be described as a God send if put to proper use. I am not an engineer or a chemist so I do not pretend to address water quality and how it affects the land and soil. I do see some places where produced water is on the surface in Campbell County and the grass is greener there and deer and antelope are feeding and appear to be thriving. In an

arid state like Wyoming maybe we should look at using some of the revenue generated by the CBM production to find a way to utilize the produced water to our benefit.

I understand there is a study being performed by Dr. Raisbeck at the University of Wyoming for the DEQ and that this study is due to be completed by July 1, 2007. I also understand there is legislation before the current state legislature (Senate File 55) that attempts to address the discharge quantity issue. With these processes taking place and the results eminent it would seem the prudent thing to get those results before progressing to a final decision.

I know the members of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council have looked at volumes of information and heard numerous testimonies and have far more information than I pretend to possess. Nothing I say in this letter is new to you it is only a new person expressing an opinion on the matter. I believe in protecting the environment and the interest of the people in the State of Wyoming and this great nation. I can only speak as an interested party who believes there is a grave danger of over burdening an industry that provides a great benefit to the state by providing jobs, revenue, and a needed product. I thank you for taking my opinions into consideration and leave it to you to weigh the information you have and make the best decision for the State of Wyoming.

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Sincerely



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