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Mr. Mark Gordon – Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 West 25th Street
Herschler Building, Room 1714
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking, Powder River Basin Resource Council, Revised Version

Dear Mr. Gordon:

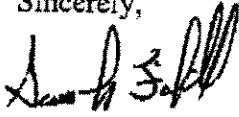
My name is Scott L. Fairfield and I am a concerned resident and homeowner in Campbell County Wyoming. I have been employed in the oil & gas industry all over the United States for the past 27 years as a geologist and for the past 8 years as a gas measurement supervisor in the Powder River CBM gas play. These 8 years were spent with Northern Border Pipeline and now with Rowdy Pipeline L.L.C.

I oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Resource Council et al – Revised Version - WQD Chapter #2. I feel that the majority of all CBM operators are prudent stewards of the natural resources and practice very good controls to protect the natural environment and wildlife during the drilling, completion, production and abandonment of the CBM wells. As I read the petition, I noticed that the water quality standards proposed were much stricter than the standards for human consumption water quality. Does this mean that we as citizens of Wyoming are endangering our health by consuming "bad" drinking water? In my daily travels for work, I have met many ranchers who want and benefit from the active produced water discharge permitted sites. I understand that Wyoming DEQ has looked at the petition and that as it is written it will have the effect of prohibiting most, if not all CBM produced water discharges and as you know, no water production then no gas produced and the producers move on to other gas producing regions of the United States. I very much enjoy living in Wyoming and would hate to have to move my family to another state so I could remain gainfully employed.

Economically, passage of this rule would be catastrophic not only to me and my family but also to the State, County and local economy. As an example two large capital projects, new Multi-events center and new Fire station, are currently being built in Campbell County and I believe a large portion of the funds will be coming from taxpayers and residents that are employed in the CBM industry.

I want to thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and do hope you will not approve the petition. If you want to contact me, I can be reached at (307) 299-6837 or at my home address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. L. Fairfield', written over a horizontal line.

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