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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman  
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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing to PROTEST the Citizen's Petition brought before you by the Powder River Resource Council. The standards that the Petitioners want are too restrictive and will virtually make the CBM industry a thing of the past. I would like you to consider some things that could happen to me as a rancher if you put the petitioners request into play. I as a rancher will loose most of my water for my livestock. I will then have to drill my own wells and if I had to do that then my livestock will be drinking the same water that you restricted for CBM. Does that make sense to you? I have windmills now that produce water, are you saying to me that you can shut those in with the standards that the PRBRC is asking for? Who is going to monitor these producing wells that arc livestock wells? Common sense must intervene in this situation. The PRBRC has targeted only one industry and that is the CBM industry.

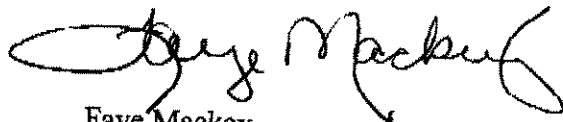
Eric Barlow is my neighbor. His father Bill Barlow came to my father, Bob Force, in 1996 and asked him not to let any methane companies on my father's place because Bill Barlow stated then that the methane companies would do nothing but ruin our ranch and the water would pollute and destroy our grass. Well we developed our ranch with the help of good methane operators and we have no water problems. Our water does not leave our ranch. But I do not find it not odd at all that Eric Barlow, and his mother Deric Barlow, have problems with the water. They predicted it in 1996 that they would, long before any drilling tower ever stood in the air. Coincidence, NO, Choice, YES. They made a choice then that they would "fight" this methane. Bill Barlow passed away several years ago and shortly after that word came through the neighborhood that the Barlow's were getting some of their wells drilled. Huh! How did that happen? Well now they are enjoying the check in the mail every month from royalties, while on the other hand they are speaking out about how much the water has ruined their place. Well remember, that I am the neighbor and I know differently.

I ask you to consider the truth here. Deny the Petitioners request and put to rest this atrocity brought on by PRBRC who want nothing more than to put a stranglehold on industry. Remember that's what they preached in 1996. Marge West is nothing more than the poster child for the PRBRC. Her testimony in Canada, paid for by the PRBRC, was a lie in the biggest way, when she claimed that the "whole Powder River Basin is

laying wasteland because of the CBM water". Well I live here drove up and down her creek for years hauling kids on my school bus and I can tell you that those trees she is "claiming" the CBM water killed, have been dead for 20 years. Would you find that odd that CBM water can kill already dead trees? These are some of the things that you need to know as you consider this petition.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify before you in January and now hearing me through this medium. The water is vital to our ranching operations, please consider what you will do to the ranching community. Vote NO on the petition as a whole, there are not effluent standards that need to be changed. The WDEQ is doing a good job now, leave it alone.

Respectfully,



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