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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Shannon Anderson

Powder River Resource Council

934 Main St.

Sheridan WY 82801

**RE: Strategy Energy Inc. TFN 5 5/217**

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has forwarded your objection to the application of Strata Energy Inc. Docket No. 12-4803, for a mining permit to the Environmental Quality Council (the Council). As provided for in the Environmental Quality Act, the Council will set a time and place for a hearing on your objection.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Environmental Quality Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure. The hearing will be conducted as a contested case, and all witnesses will be sworn, direct and cross examination will be the means of eliciting testimony, and all documents must be introduced as exhibits. You are not required to have an attorney represent you in this proceeding, although you may choose to have an attorney present your case. The DEQ will be represented by a member of the Attorney General's staff, Luke Esch and Strata Energy Inc. may have counsel present.

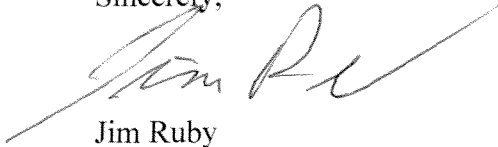
The law requires the Council to hold a hearing on your objection within 20 days of the last day for filing objections, and this hearing must be held by October 22, 2012.

Any continuance beyond October 20th must be agreed to by all the parties. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER PLEASE CALL JIM RUBY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE COUNCIL. HIS NUMBER IS 307-777-7260..

A record of the hearing will be made by a court reporter and the decision on the permit application is appealable to a district court. Should you determine that you do not want a hearing on your objection, please notify me in writing of your decision. If a hearing regarding your objection is not held, your comment will remain a matter of record in the DEQ files, and the director of DEQ will consider the comment when he makes a decision on issuance of the Strata Energy Inc. permit.

If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter in order to avoid a contested case hearing you may contact the Department's legal counsel, Luke Esch at 307-777-3442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Ruby", written in a cursive style.

Jim Ruby  
Executive Secretary

cc: Nancy Nuttbrock

Luke Esch

John Corra