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BEFORE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF)
PENNACO ENERGY, INC. OF)
CONDITIONS IN RENEWAL OF) Docket No. 07-3618
WYPDES PERMIT NO. WY0048461)

RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

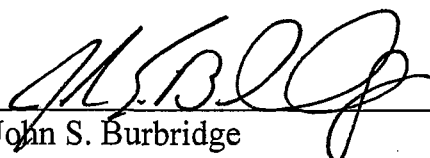
The Department of Environmental Quality(DEQ)/Water Quality Division (WQD) by and through its attorney, John S. Burbridge, Senior Assistant Attorney General, hereby responds to Pennaco Energy, Inc's. (Pennaco) appeal of conditions contained in renewal WYPDES Permit No. WY0048461, issued by the DEQ/WQD and states to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) the following:

1. The DEQ admits the information contained in paragraph I of Pennaco's appeal.
2. The DEQ denies the information contained in paragraph II(1)(A) of Pennaco's appeal. The DEQ is without sufficient knowledge as to Pennaco's state of mind to either admit or deny the allegations contained in footnote number 1.
3. The DEQ denies the information contained in paragraph II(1)(B) of Pennaco's appeal.
4. The DEQ denies the information contained in paragraph II(1)(C) of Pennaco's appeal.
5. The DEQ denies each and every allegation not specifically admitted to in this response.

WHEREFORE, the DEQ prays that the Environmental Quality Council enter an ORDER affirming the conditions placed on Pennaco's renewal WYPDES Permit No. WY0048461.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2007.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
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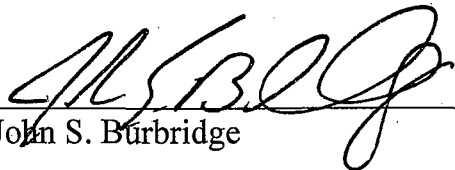
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