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RE: Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001

Mr. Thomas,

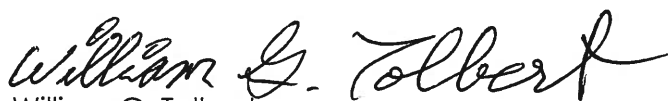
We have received notification that Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC have once again changed the size of the application for the Spacing Order. We were worried at the most recent prior application and are now **furious** at the current one which is almost twice as big and now includes our property. We have not, nor will we ever willingly sign over our mineral rights and we are angry that our rights can just be taken from us.

We are not at all impressed with a name change with some new investors who are attempting to take over our mineral rights so that they can drill for gas/oil. According public record, the new investors took a 65% interest which leaves 35% with the same people who have, according to the a news article in the Idaho Statesman, "been troubled for the past six years over royalty payments, environmental concerns and disputes with its neighbors" after they took over in 2018 when the prior company went bankrupt. We are not naive enough to believe that this constitutes a change in the way they do business and would be shocked to think that you would be. They also have no vested interest in the welfare of Idaho or its people.

These people have changed the size of the Spacing Order three times now. We find it impossible to believe that the size of the area they expect to draw from has changed from 625 acres to 160 acres to 300 acres. This looks like an attempt to get what they want by manipulating the area to align with the mineral rights they have acquired. Is there some invisible wall underground that is going to stop them from going further than they are stating? Has the IDL done independent research to determine what the area actually is? Why, given their history of name changes, bankruptcy, not paying royalties, fines imposed, etc., and the fact that they keep changing the Spacing Order, are you so eager to do business with these people? Would you buy a house built by a company with this kind of history for your personal use? Would you go into business personally with a company with this history? Why are you so eager to sacrifice our properties, our lives?

Our property rights, our water, the health and safety of those of us who bought these houses as our retirement homes and of the beautiful children who play in our neighborhood are all at risk. We question your reasons for catering to an industry that has shown itself repeatedly to be untrustworthy and, as a citizen of Idaho, request that you do the right thing and kill this application and refuse to seriously consider doing business with these people in the future.

**Vote NO.**



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