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To: [Kourtney Romine](#)
Subject: RE: August 27-Public Witness Testimony-6pm-Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:05:50 AM
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Attached, please find a copy of my testimony given at the hearing. Please include it in the records.

Thank you,
Roxie Tolbert

From: Kourtney Romine [mailto:kromine@idl.idaho.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:40 AM
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Good morning,

Thank you for signing up for the public witness testimony portion for Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002 today at 6:00pm (MT).

The in-person option will take place at the Fruitland City Hall, 200 S Whitley Dr, Fruitland, ID 83619. The number of participants present at the City of Fruitland City Hall will be limited to comply with any COVID-19 physical distancing and safety requirements, including the wearing of masks if mandated.

Or to participate via Zoom:

Click on the following link - <https://idl.zoom.us/j/96679046957?pwd=MGVPczNkbDVRWTg2aFM2QkxJQkM3dz09>

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Or call in via audio only,

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Written comments through the Zoom application will not be part of the record. Only oral comments will be accepted.

There is a live-streaming link posted on the OGCC website [Home page in the Meetings & Hearings box](#) and the [Administrative Hearings](#) page in the schedule as well as on the [specific docket page](#) to view the hearing. The hearing will be on the IDL/Land Board Facebook Live page. People watching the hearing live on Facebook will not be able to provide comment. Comments submitted on Facebook will NOT be part of the record.

Documents pertaining to this case are posted to the website on the [Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002 hearing page](#).

Sincerely,

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My name is Roxie Tolbert and I am speaking on behalf of myself and my husband Bill. We own a house in Northview Ranch. We are opposed to this new spacing unit and all other spacing units. We are opposed to drilling close to neighborhoods.

And here we go again; another hearing for a spacing unit. As homeowners and also owners of our mineral rights, we feel like we are being subjected to a shell game. Just keep changing the size of the spacing units and resubmitting. Just keep changing the name of the company and a few of the owners. I feel like the intent is to wear us out so we will give up and let them do what they want. Yeah, well, they can all guess again. We will not go away and we will not stop fighting for our health, our property rights, and our beautiful state.

Contamination of groundwater
Methane pollution and its impact on climate change
Air pollution impacts
Exposure to toxic chemicals
Blowouts due to gas explosion
Waste disposal
Large volume water use
Fracking-induced earthquakes
Workplace safety Infrastructure degradation

These are just some of the risks that we are being asked to accept. Why, why, why are you willing to even consider risking our homes, farms and ranches? Why are you willing to risk our health, our livelihoods and our children's futures? Why are you willing to risk Fruitland's water supply? What is the matter with you?

I find it interesting that we are encouraged, in commercials on TV to conserve water in our homes, in our everyday lives while, apparently there is plenty for the immense amount of water that would need to be used by the gas and oil industry for drilling and fracking.

You would have us believe that this is a just and fair hearing. I find that very hard to believe. The focus of these meetings seems to be making sure that Snake River Gas and Oil makes as much money as possible and they expect us to worry about the fact that they have invested money ahead of having spacing. Certainly not our problem and very concerning that they think that this is the way to do business. They are that sure that what they want, they will get. Why are they so sure? Fishy!

The last spacing hearing, I was at Fruitland City Hall. Mick Thomas, after the meeting, looked me right in the eyes and assured me that his job in these

hearings was to be completely impartial and that he was doing exactly that. Imagine my surprise when, a day later, watching the recording of the hearing that took place earlier the previous day, there was Mick Thomas rolling his eyes when an anti-spacing person was talking. I guess I can be thankful for one small thing the pandemic allowed me to witness. Now, that may have been a coincidence. His eyes may have just been tired causing him to roll them but that sure did not look impartial to me and removes a lot of our trust in the person making the ultimate decision. Body language can show what we are trying to hide. Mr. Thomas, please prove us wrong. Prove you haven't gone into this and all of the other hearings already on the side of gas and oil no matter what.

By the way, it doesn't matter what other states have done. Some states have probably protected their citizens and environments. Some, we know, have pockets of population and land that have been devastated by drilling and fracking. What matters is what **you** do.

I have no trust or faith in the system, as it stands. What I do have trust and faith in is my fellow citizens who will continue to fight and CAIA who will continue to lead us in this fight for our rights and to keep Idaho clean and whole.

On the off chance, that anyone who has a say is listening with an open mind, vote NO.