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Hearing Officer –

On behalf of the Applicant, Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, I write to respectfully request guidance regarding the service requirements for the upcoming disclosures and prehearing statements. Your prehearing scheduling order directs service on every person or entity previously mailed the application by Applicant, as well as all leased owners (who, by virtue of having leased, are committed to development and have delegated the responsibility to Applicant as their lessee).

Idaho Code § 47-328(3) limits objections or other responses to the application to uncommitted mineral owners in the proposed unit area, and limits participation and appeal rights to those uncommitted mineral owners who timely filed an objection or other response, i.e., at least 14 days prior to the evidentiary hearing. Objections were filed only by the City of Fruitland, Ms. Oltman, and CAIA.

Given the limitations imposed in Idaho Code § 47-328, and the fact that committed (leased) mineral owners are effectively represented by the Applicant, I respectfully suggest that service of materials should now be limited to: (a) Applicant, for items filed by others, (b) those persons who timely filed objections; (c) Mr. Thum for the Department of Lands, the Department's counsel Mr. Marotz, and the Department's work flow coordinator, Ms. Romine; and (d) you and OAH. This is consistent with how service in spacing and integration matters was handled previously.

Service on uncommitted owners who filed no objection, and on already committed mineral owners, will involve mailing of several dozen pages to about a dozen different recipients. I respectfully suggest it may cause confusion for them to continue receiving voluminous paper materials for a proceeding in which they've chosen not to participate, either by failing to object or by leasing.

I have copied Mr. Piotrowski and Mr. Thum and his counsel on this email to allow them to comment. I apologize to all for the late delivery of this email in the day. I've been driving all day.

Thank you for your consideration.

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