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To: Kourtney Romine
Cc: Julie Fugate

Subject: Objections to spacing plan application CC-2020-OGR-01-001

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Attachments: Letter of Objection to Idaho Department of Lands 08-14-2020.pdf

## Dear Ms. Romine:

Please add this attached letter to the file regarding the Spacing Plan from Snake River Oil & Gas noted in the docket number CC-2020-OGR-01-001

Thank you,

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Idaho Department of Lands 300 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 103 Boise, ID 83720

RE: Application of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC for spacing order consisting of E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, SW ¼ of Section 10, N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, and the N ½ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, N Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho.

IOGCC Docket No: CC-2020-OGR-01-001

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We were both born and raised and attended college in the beautiful state of Idaho. Two of our children were born here in the Treasure Valley. We returned to this area to retire and bought a beautiful home in the Northview Ranch Subdivision in Fruitland. We were not advised or contacted by anyone about the natural gas well that has been drilled so close to our home. We recently found out about it from a neighbor, and we are very concerned.

We object to the drilling, development, pipelines, and production of natural gas in this area. We also object to the possibility that our rights can be taken away because others may relinquish theirs.

Our reasons for objection are several.

- 1. We are concerned about the environmental impact. The 300 acres noted in the application includes our home, also includes the Payette and Snake Rivers and the City of Fruitland's water treatment plant! How can the State of Idaho approve industrial activity in an area where our water supply is so vulnerable? We are also concerned about the air quality and the beauty of this area.
- 2. Another potential impact would be on the health of local residents. Because of air and water pollution (drilling through a current public water table), the health of residents here will be in jeopardy should any disruption to pipes or addition of chemicals to soils occur.
- 3. Financial effects of living near natural gas production and pipelines could be significant. Many people have their homes as their primary investment for their futures; and property values would be impacted negatively. Concern about the possibility of pipelines and production here include catastrophic fires, and the undermining of the foundations of our homes and of our yards. If something catastrophic were to happen, most insurance policies would not cover these situations.
- 4. With this new application that seems to supersede a prior application from AMI Idaho LLC, it appears to create additional confusion by changing the operator (however) AMI seems to continue to retain a significant ownership in the project. It appears to be a shell game of dilution, but effectively creating confusion and lack of accountability. We believe that the

impact of these changes needs to be made clear to all who are impacted so a clear understanding can be had.

- 5. We have no valid reason to believe the companies and individuals involved will operate with good faith and in the best interests of individuals that may become impacted financially and physically by this project.
- 6. If a company can use bankruptcy as a method of escaping accountability, there is no doubt in our minds that they will use bankruptcy to escape any future harm to those of us who live and have our future financial security invested in this community.
- 7. In our opinion, the noted threats to this local people, warrant the cessation of this application's completion.

We have not signed any oil and gas lease, nor will we in the future. We are depending on the Idaho Department of Lands to protect our home, our air and water, our safety, our quality of life, and our financial future. Please assume your first duty is to the people of the area impacted and not to the financial health of these suspect companies.

Thank you,

Philip and Kathleen Hendrickson