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Subject: Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-.001
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Dear Kourtney Romine,

Attached is a letter I have written in opposition of the Snake River Gas and Oil Spacing Application Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001

Please see that my comments are posted and reach the appropriate department heads.

Thank you,

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August 14, 2020

Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Mick Thomas
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RE: *Application of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC for Spacing Order Consisting of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, the SW ¼ of Section 10, N ½ of the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, and the N ½ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho. Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001*

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am writing this letter in **opposition** to Snake River Oil and Gas LLC, Application for Spacing drilling near my home. The current Fallon Well is 100 yards south of the Payette River and 1000 feet from the Fruitland Water Plant. In my opinion it was wrong for the State to allow this well to ever be drilled.

I own an uncommitted mineral interests. My property is located at 8680 Shannon Road. My property is located in the spacing order and very close to the Fallon 1-10 well.

I was in attendance to yesterday's meeting regarding *Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001*. A lot of information was presented during the hearing and in the early evening comments were open to the citizens of Idaho and many expressed their concerns on a variety of issues.

It is common practice for companies to knowingly take chances that are against the regulations. AMI did this when drilling the Fallon 1-10 well. Why were they allowed to continue when they were not following regulations? When the lawsuits began building AMI filed for bankruptcy. Another out that business can avoid paying what they truly owe, and restructure under a different name. History has repeated itself here and the people involved in the name of the Gas and Oil Companies are basically the same players from the beginning. Of course there are new names involved too. The only objective for the Gas and Oil companies is to make profits, and take those profits out of state. Meanwhile the risks to the Idaho property owner's and mineral right owners is far greater. The risk to reward for the property owners is simply not worth it. We want to continue living in our homes, without risks that if damaged there is not repair.

I have many concerns should the health of the citizens of Idaho come first? Or does the State want to risk the health, the financial value of the citizens investments in property and what about our environment? Water is our most precious resource. Without water plants and animals including humans could not survive.

As officials for the State of Idaho how about doing your job that you were hired for and that is to protect our environment and sustain our natural resources.

The Mission Statement for the Department of Lands is “**Mission.** To professionally and prudently manage **Idaho's** endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of **Idaho** to use, protect and sustain their natural resources.”

I am asking that you think about the concerns both in written documents and in public testimonies that have been expressed over and over from the citizens of Idaho.

My hope and prayer is that each person in the Idaho Department of Lands will strongly consider the opposition points to stop the Applications for Spacing and stop further drilling around our water supplies, homes and communities. My hope is that the Idaho Department of Lands will make the proper decision to correct a wrong allowing the Fallon well to be drilled in the first place, and protect our state, the environment, the health of the individual citizen of Idaho while protecting our private property rights and values.

Respectfully,

Sharon M. Simmons