

December 7, 2017

Chairman Dickey and members of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Idaho Department of Lands, 300 N. 6th St. Boise, ID 83702

Submitted in person to the OGCC at the December 7, 2017 Commission Meeting for inclusion in the public record of this meeting.

Dear Chairman Dickey and Members of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservations Commission:

As royalty owners with a significant and direct interest in oil and gas in Alta Mesa's Little Willow Field in Payette County, Idaho, we are asking the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to take immediate action to protect the interests of royalty owners in Idaho, including the State of Idaho, under the authority of the commission as provided for in Idaho Code 47-314 and 47-315.

This letter constitutes our formal complaint to the OGCC, as provided for in Idaho Code 47-331(4).

We are very concerned with Alta Mesa operations here in Idaho, especially in light of a recent settlement by Alta Mesa to royalty owners in Oklahoma, and related news coverage of underpayments to royalty owners (and the State of Oklahoma) by Alta Mesa.

We have requested records we are entitled to under IC47-332(4) and Alta Mesa has refused to provide those records to us. This violates Idaho law, and we ask OGCC to exercise your authority to compel this information, as required, from Alta Mesa. Additionally, Alta Mesa is obligated, under IC 47-332(1) to provide specific information on our check stubs. Again, Alta Mesa is not complying with these requirements, and we ask OGCC, as part of this complaint, to exercise your authority to compel this information from the operator.

The state of Idaho is obligated by statute to ensure that all mineral interest owners – including private owners and the State of Idaho – are paid fairly and that all product produced (including "testing") is accounted for by the company and the state.

With this letter, we are formally requesting that the OGCC act immediately under the authority provided by Idaho law to ensure that ALL production, including past production and "testing", be accounted for and appropriate royalty and severance payments made. This includes, but is not limited to, all initial production, including testing from all wells prior to operations of any other facilities, including but not limited to gathering, separation, and production facilities related to all Alta Mesa operations in Idaho.

All current and past producing wells (not just those on state lands) should be audited by a team of individuals qualified and experienced in oil and gas accounting and facilities.

Further, we request that all data related to every well drilled in Idaho be immediately made available to the public, as required in section IC 47-324 and 47-326.

As Idaho citizens and royalty owners directly impacted by Alta Mesa's operations, we respectfully request that the OGCC act in your capacity as state officials to ensure that the mineral interests and correlative rights of the state of Idaho and private property owners be protected.

We believe that your immediate attention to this matter is warranted to protect the interests of royalty owners and to ensure that all data related to wells in Idaho be disclosed to the public, as required by Idaho law.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter,

Randy & Thana Kauffman

Handwritten signatures of Randy and Thana Kauffman. The signature of Randy Kauffman is written in black ink and is positioned above the signature of Thana Kauffman, which is also in black ink. Both signatures are cursive and appear to be written in the same hand.