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Commissioners,

We are Randy and Thana Kauffman. We are the land and mineral interest owners of the Kauffman 1-9 well. Please consider our position in reaching a decision for SROG's appeal.

In early 2017, water was a problem on our wells (Kauffman 1-9 and Kauffman 1-34). Therefore, we had a meeting with Richard Brown and Dale Hayes. We viewed a site on our property and agreed it was a good site for an evaporation pond. We entered into negotiations. We personally obtained an estimate for the dirt work and information for the pond liner. The operator failed to follow through with these plans. We were very disappointed because we thought we had reached a solution to the water problem which was beneficial to all parties. About the same time, the operator began the lengthy process of applying for a class II injection well permit. The permit was eventually granted in December 2022. At that time Richard Brown assured us his engineers were ready to hit the ground running and the project would be completed within six months. As of this date, SROG has not provided a plan or timeline for completion of this project.

According to IDAPA 20.07.02.501.01, legally IDL should have declared the Kauffman 1-9 well inactive more than 4 years ago. The operator has had more than enough time and opportunity to solve their water problem. According to SROG's appeal, they have a plan to bring the 1-9 well into production which can be accomplished within 30 days. Therefore, it is unnecessary SROG be granted further time. Furthermore, we object to giving SROG another 12 to 18 months as requested.

Therefore, we formally request the Commission keep the January 31, 2024 deadline to plug and abandon the well, and in the meantime allow SROG to execute their plan in an attempt to bring the 1-9 well into production. If their attempt is successful; and, they are able bring the well into economically viable production; then, the well can be declared active. However, if SROG is not successful in producing the well; or, if the production is not economically viable; then, the well should be plugged and abandoned by January 31, 2024.

The Commission has the authority to approve, modify, or deny SROG's appeal. Please consider our above request as a modification resulting in a fair and reasonable solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Randy and Thana Kauffman