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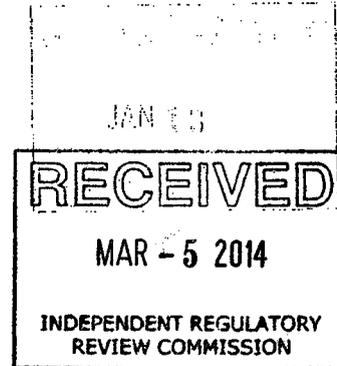
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Environmental Quality Board

P.O. Box 8477

Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Re: Proposed amendments to Chapter 78 Regulations



Dear Environmental Quality Board members;

I am writing to ask you to vote against the proposed amendments to the Chapter 78 PADEP regulations on oil and gas development and production in Pennsylvania. These proposed amendments were written specifically for the Marcellus and Utica shale wells along with other unconventional oil and gas wells. However, the regulations as written will impose the same requirements on shallow conventional wells which have been in Pennsylvania for over 100 years.

I am the co-owner of Plants and Goodwin, Inc. which is a small family owned business in McKean County, PA. Our business has been in existence for 44 years as an oil field service company providing well drilling, well completion and crude oil trucking in Northwest Pennsylvania. We have grown from two part-time employees in 1970 to our current level of 35 employees. We support 35 local families with good paying jobs and pay 100% of their health insurance premiums. These jobs will definitely be at risk if the proposed regulations are passed.

I attended a meeting of local oil and gas business owners last week who, like me, are going to be faced with very difficult choices if these regulations are passed in their present form. A quick count of employees of the business owners at that meeting was in excess of 2000 jobs that are directly involved in the conventional oil and gas industry. Plants and Goodwin, Inc.'s payroll by itself was over 1.5 million dollars in 2013. These may not seem like big numbers in Harrisburg but they are critical to the economy of McKean County and Northwest PA.

I am asking you to vote "NO" on the regulations until the PADEP removes shallow conventional oil and gas wells from the proposed changes. The conventional oil and gas industry in PA has existed for decades with minimal environmental impact to the Commonwealth. The vast majority of the companies operating shallow conventional wells in PA are local companies. Our kids go to school here, we live in the communities where we work and we certainly don't want to harm the environment that we live in.

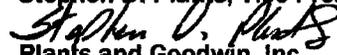
There is no doubt that the unconventional shale wells in PA have posed many new challenges for the public and regulators. I agree that these wells should be under heightened scrutiny until that

industry can prove it has a track record of being environmentally sound in the way it conducts business in PA. However, the shallow conventional oil and gas industry has proven that we can be environmentally conscious without having the burden of excessive regulations imposed as a "one size fits all" approach.

Please vote "NO" on the proposed regulations until they exclude conventional wells. Our industry, our region, our towns, and my family's future hangs in the balance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Plants, Vice Pres. / Treas.


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