



## Written Statements Under Rule 510

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Docket Number: 0609-RM-02

### Statement

Dear Oil and Gas Conservation Commissioners,

My husband and I moved to Las Animas County over a decade ago. We found that city life was becoming very stressful for both of us. We found a beautiful piece of land where it was peaceful. Once we moved here we found how quiet it was compared to living in the city. Every day we could hear and see the different wild life on our property. Now with the industry approaching our back door the wild life has become scarce. It is rare when we see any elk, deer, turkey, mountain lion and coyote. This is most likely due the industry moving in taking up land and with the noise levels chasing them away. High noise levels are detrimental to wildlife – and to people. There have been numerous studies done on the effects of noise levels on human beings. I am well aware that you hired a noise specialist to conduct a study last year. I attended that meeting with my husband last year when she presented her case. I recall the noise specialist recommending that the noise levels in Colorado should be lowered. The commission heard several compelling arguments in support of lowering the maximum allowable noise levels. To your credit, the topic was well researched and thoroughly considered. You came to the correct conclusion in December of 2005 – yet here we are again.

Just east of us there are several gas wells that exceed even the current maximum level of 55 dBA at times. We live in canyon country where the noise bounces off and travels far. We are now constantly inundated with the sound of industrial engines running 24/7, drilling at all hours of the

day and night, and heavy traffic on the dirt roads that raise a dust cloud into the air that has become pretty much constant. We now find that despite leaving the city, the noise and the brown cloud has followed us.

This is not a Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) whining fit. I understand the country needs energy sources, and despite the travesty of severed estate laws, I am not even opposed to energy development. However, the current CBM development going on in Colorado has all the signs of a gold rush mentality. I believe CBM can be developed responsibly, without trashing the environment, or disregarding the lives of the people who live in these rural areas. Noise complaints are among the most common complaints about the industry, and one of the easiest issues to address.

The COGCC needs to make the rules and regulations more strict on the industry. There are other states that have stronger rules and regulations that cover noise, environment, water, roads, etc. Please do not sacrifice the rural citizens of Colorado to corporate bottom lines. There are record profits being made by energy companies the world over. It is just not credible for COGA to say that companies will not be able to make a profit if they have to spend a few thousand more dollars on developing a gas well to include noise attenuation strategies. Some companies are doing it now and seem to be doing just fine.

Last December you lowered the levels to a very reasonable 45dBA at night. In other words, the sound of the production machinery, minus any attendant construction or traffic noise. While I would like to see lower levels still, this is a good start. Please uphold you previous well - considered decision. The rural citizens of Colorado are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Amy Dahl

By signing this statement, I am verifying under oath that the information contained in it is true and correct.

**Name:**

**Date:**