



Written Statements Under Rule 510

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Statement

Dear Oil and Gas Conservation Commissioners,

I first thank you for taking the time to read this letter and understand not only our plight but that of any rural person in the state of Colorado.

I am a 4th generation Las Animas County resident. I was born in Trinidad, my father and his father were born in the Grey Creek Coal Camp and my Great Grandfather emigrated here from Italy. I might add my grandfather and two of his sons were murdered over water rights in 1901. This is all disclosed in the County Corner reports if you wish to research it for validity. The reason I mention this fact was that no one was held responsible for the killings. I have a passion for this land.

This is the reason my wife and I have made this area our home. We love the rural aspects of our existence, the air, the sky, the wildlife, the trees, the sounds, the freedom and the people. We have chosen to leave our city life behind and spend a considerable amount of time in the Sangre De Cristos. Any one who has visited us are amazed at the unspoiled beauty of the area. National Geographic thought enough of the area to write an extensive article on it calling it an area untouched by time. This was one of the last great unspoiled beauties in North America.

This is no longer the case. The land has been taken over by the quest for the wealth that lies

beneath it. In some cases the land is being attacked for the potential of wealth that may never be realized due to the geography. I have learned that we surface owners have no rights as is demonstrated daily by the Gas Industries encroachment on to our surfaces. There has been a total disregard for our rights in this quest. My friends from areas not affected by drilling cannot believe the current state of our mineral friendly environment.

Places that once had Elk, Deer, Bear, Columbines, Blue Spruce and Lark Buntings now has noise, dust, carcinogenic chemicals, fouled water and carcinogenic gas seeps. You need only to take a ride with a local to witness this first hand. It is easy to live Monday to Friday in an office and it is another thing to live 24/7 with what most would call a "Rape of the Land". I have even had discussion with oil and gas employees who are very sad on the current state of affairs. They tell me of their plight, they are torn between what is ethical, moral and right and the need to feed and cloth their families by following their employers mandates. The industry knows what it is doing is not right, it can be done better. They can be good corporate citizens. We could all live together in a much more copasetic way, each getting what they want.

If you will take the time to go to the recent EDGAR filing for Pioneer Natural Resources and read their presentation at the Lehman Brothers Energy Conference you will see what their intent and profit really is. They are touting a 30% Internal Rate of Return on the activity in the Raton Basin. When the drilling stops these IRRs will likely triple. I believe with the amount of revenue they will produce from Las Animas County they can well afford to do what a good "Corporate Citizen" should.

Las Animas County is the second poorest county in the state with the poorest being our next door neighbor, Huerfano County. The standard of living for the residents of these counties has not improved measurably and can be argued to have degraded with the gas boom that is taking place. When the drilling ceases so will the jobs. The counties will return to their post coal mining lows. A low that will create an unemployment rate greater than it is today, which is greater than on the American Indian Reservations. There has been little if any benefit to the people who live here. The medical and social services have not benefited. The recreational benefits have been degraded and the strain on the infrastructure is clearly visible to the human eye let alone what it has done to the balance sheets of the counties and cities affected.

I am asking you as a responsible entity to do the proper thing and stand firm on your previous decision to tighten the standard on allowable noise levels associated with the oil and gas industries activities. It can be lowered to almost nothing if they would electrify all the wells, a technology that is here today and affordable. This is one of many steps that must be taken to insure a way of life is not lost like the Buffalo. You know in your heart what the correct decision is so make it. One just needs to look at the balance sheet of the oil and gas companies to understand their ability to do the right thing. There are shareholders and stakeholders, they both can profit from a responsible approach to our environmental and energy needs.

Respectfully,

Tom Parise

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

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