



Written Statements Under Rule 510

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Docket Number: 0609-RM-02

Statement

Dear COGCC,

We are writing to you in reference to the 45 dba noise rule you have under consideration.

First, we would like to thank you for your December, 2005 ruling, mandating 45 dba nighttime noise levels. This was a very positive and welcome ruling to those of us who live in rural communities. It is unfortunate the issue has to be revisited again.

My wife and I own property in rural Las Animas County. We are anticipating building a home there in the next year or so. We visit the property regularly. One of the most attractive qualities about the property is the rural quiet. We want very much to preserve that quality.

Noise is very much one of the main conflicts between landowners and the oil and gas industry. Noise from operations destroys the quiet and beauty of the area. Limiting the noise levels will help preserve the quality of life in the area. It will also go a long way towards showing that the industry can be a good corporate neighbor.

Last year, Petrogulf Corporation and Pioneer Natural Resources began drilling operations in our area, the North Fork Ranch near Weston, CO. Petrogulf entered into an SUA with our homeowner's association agreeing to limit noise to between 42 and 47 dba. Pioneer entered into

an SUA but refused to make such a commitment on noise. I find it interesting that one corporation agrees that the noise can be limited, while another can't.

The technologies exist to limit noise. Noise limits are already in place in a number of place, as you are aware – Farmington, New Mexico where operators are limited to 1 dba above ambient, and Alberta, Canada where some operators are limited to 40 dba. Noise is limited on Ted Turner's ranch in New Mexico. The technology is neither complicated nor expensive.

Given the projected profits from gas wells, the expense of complying with the 45 dba limit is trivial. Given that both landowners and the industry are going to have to co-exist for the foreseeable future, limiting noise is an important tool in limiting conflicts between the two parties.

Please do not back down on the 45 dba noise rule. Resist industry pressure and continue a ruling that is important for all Colorado landowners.

Mark and Alice Palmer

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

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