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Dear Commission,

I strongly oppose the DRBC's proposed rule to severely limit and effectively ban hydraulic fracturing within your jurisdiction.

The energy industry serves the nation by powering our economy and helping keep energy affordable for millions of Americans. Producing and delivering energy is what they do, with safety as a top priority. Working hard every day, they help ensure that communities, work sites, and the environment are not put at risk.

Government data and scientific research make it clear that the industry's commitment to safety is paying off. Hydraulic fracturing is safe; it does not contaminate drinking water, pollute aquifers, or cause earthquakes. Given the foregoing, your proposed rule goes much too far. Please do give no credence to the misinformation and apocalyptic hysteria spread by extreme anti-energy groups.

The risks of allowing energy development in the DRBC region are minimal, but the benefits are certain. Domestic energy development is critical to our nation's strength, its economy, job creation, and its security. Households have extra money every year because of the production of our own energy.

The DRBC's proposed rule would take our nation in the wrong direction. Recognizing the strong safety record of energy development, the federal government has begun to eliminate unnecessary regulations. The DBRC should go in the same direction.

I respectfully ask the Commission to withdraw its new draft regulation and replace it with rules to support, not restrict, American energy development. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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