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Dear Comments,

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

The energy exploration and production industry serves the nation by powering our economy and helping keep energy affordable for millions of Americans. While producing and delivering energy is what they do, their priority is safety. They work hard to ensure that our communities, work sites, and the environment are not put at risk.

Government data and scientific research make it clear that the energy industry's commitment to safety is paying off. Hydraulic fracturing is safe and does not contaminate drinking water or cause earthquakes. Given this evidence, your proposed rule goes too far. Please give no credence to the misinformation promoted 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---to our economy, to job creation, and to our security. Households have extra money every year because we produce much of our own energy. Alternative, renewable sources are unaffordable without government subsidies, which raise tax rates and do not provide sufficient volumes of energy reliable on a long-term basis.

The DRBC's proposed rule would take our nation in the wrong direction, introducing unnecessary regulation, which will only cause an equally unnecessary increase in the price of energy.

Recognizing the strong safety record of energy development, the federal government has rightly begun to limit unnecessary regulations. The DRBC should go in the same direction.

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

Sincerely,
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