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To: Wyoming DEQ, Water Quality Division
From: Joel Highsmith, Town of Shoshoni Mayor
Date: May 21, 2019
Re: Aethon Moneta WYPDES PERMIT WY0002062

I am writing to express strong support for the Aethon Moneta permit application identified above. First, a quick, relevant word about my background. My family moved to Shoshoni in 1962 and I have been a resident of Wyoming since that time. I have fished in Boysen reservoir and the Windriver River below the dam for many decades. I have worked a lifetime in both the environmental industry as well as the oil and gas industry. Thus, I have seen and care deeply about both sides of the coin. Presently I am a semi-retired drilling consultant on a project in Texas. I would prefer to work in Wyoming.

Based on the information I have been able to gather, I believe that Aethon seeks to be compliant with applicable environmental laws and regulations. I also have confidence that Wyoming DEQ will do its part to protect the environmental quality.

I know firsthand what an economic benefit the Aethon project can provide to the surrounding area. The positive effect will be felt statewide. Although the communities in proximity will feel the biggest economic benefit, other communities and the state will also benefit from employment. Many of the jobs provide a work schedule of 14 days-on and 14 daysoff. This enables people from all over the state to work on the project.

I sincerely believe the Aethon project will provide meaningful employment for my children and grandchildren – and thus an opportunity to stay in Wyoming. This can be said for most of the families in the state of Wyoming – given that the whole state will benefit from the project.