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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

WYPDES Revised Draft Permit

Aethon Energy Operating LLC.

Frenchie Draw Permit WY0002062

Natrona and Fremont Counties

Jason Thomas

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Water Quality Division

200 West 17th Street

Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Thomas,

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the proposed WYPDES Revised Draft Permit for the Aethon Energy Operating LLC. Frenchie Draw Permit (WY0002062) located in Natrona and Fremont Counties. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

The Department provided comments on a previous proposed discharge permit for this facility on July 3, 2019. Those comments identified a number of potential impacts to stream channels and important fisheries, especially to sauger in Boysen Reservoir, due to the effluent limits and increased flows in that permit. We appreciate your consideration of those issues. We do not have any concerns with the effluent limits in this revised draft permit, as long as discharge volumes do not increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Craig Amadio, Lander Region Fisheries Supervisor, at 307-332-7723, or Mark Conrad, Habitat Protection Biologist, at 307-777-4509.

Sincerely,

Angi Bruce

Deputy Director

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