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February 18, 2020

Director Todd Parfitt
Department of Environmental Quality
200 West 17th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Public Comment on Proposed Action for Wastewater Discharge
Permit – WY0002062 (Aethon – Moneta Divide Gas Field)

Dear Director Parfitt:

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners appreciate the opportunity to comment. This proposed project has the promise of employing many people from Fremont County and will help our local economy by supporting many jobs. It will also support merchants, fuel suppliers, housing markets and local sales tax along with increasing our County property taxes and evaluations that have declined drastically in the past years.

This Board has had the opportunity to provide comments and discussions with the other cooperators since discussions began nearly eight years ago. Since the first meeting, this Board has been very supportive of the Moneta Divide project and continue to support this project fully. We have the opportunity to improve our local economy in Fremont County and also surrounding counties.


With the size of such a project, we must protect our environment. We appreciate the concern with the limit of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and understand and agree with new routine sampling requirements of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing. We would also suggest that testing or screening for chemicals used for maintenance and also fracking fluids be increased from semi-annually to at the very least quarterly. Along with increasing the screenings for chemicals used in production and field expansion, we would also propose that WET testing not be limited to each out fall location and Badwater and Alkali Creek should be tested along those streams, the length of flow until it reaches Boysen Reservoir.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed action.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Travis Becker, Chairman