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RE: Improve the Utilization of Natural Gas Development in the Pinedale Anticline

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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I strongly support conducting limited year-round drilling in concentrated areas to better utilize existing natural gas drilling and development operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. The federal government must allow for the thoughtful and appropriate use of our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

Consumers, industry and businesses throughout the nation are struggling with rising energy prices, tighter supplies and increased dependence on imports from politically unstable areas. Governments estimates conclude that the Pinedale Anticline has enough natural gas to supply ten million homes annually for more than 30 years, making it the third largest gas field in the United States.

With today's technology, this enhanced development can be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. Under the Proposed Action, 92% of the Anticline will be left undisturbed by natural gas development. There is a great need to develop this world-class clean burning energy resource in a way that reduces environmental impacts and increases socio-economic benefits for the community.

Further, domestic natural gas development in Pinedale will have a positive impact on the local and regional economy and spur strong economic growth because it will create a year-round workforce, provide a significant tax source for local communities and support Wyoming's business community. According to the Bureau of Land Management, estimated royalties of the area's natural gas reserves equal $16 billion, half of which would go to the State of Wyoming and the other half to the federal government.

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The Proposed Action will balance resources and benefit the community around the Pinedale Anticline through its voluntary commitment to reduce air emissions, support of ongoing wildlife research and focus on shared infrastructure development. I support its conclusion that all of the acreage included in the Proposed Action can be developed while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

Sincerely,

James L. Martin
President

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