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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing a letter in support of a new plan for the development of the natural gas resources on the Pinedale Anticline. The major operators Questar Market Resources, Shell Exploration and Production Co., and Ultra Petroleum have proposed a new "voluntarily coordinated" development plan, designed to improve what is currently authorized.

The Proposed Action requires the Operators to coordinate development activities into three concentrated development areas at any one time; developing further pipelines to gather produced water and natural gas liquids eliminating trucking (up to 165,000 truck trips annually); extensive use of directional drilling technology allowing as many as 30 wells to be located on a single pad; extensive reductions in air emissions; and extensive interim and earlier permanent reclamation and habitat improvement measures.

The Operators estimate the proposed mitigation measures will cost in excess of $1 billion more than what is presently required to develop the field under the existing plan authorized in 2000. The new proposal allows year-round development which provides an economic incentive to make additional capital investment while stabilizing the socio-economic impact on surrounding communities by avoiding the seasonal boom and bust caused by current seasonal restrictions.

Here are some of the many key points and advantages of the SEIS Proposed Action:

- According to the Department of Energy, the Pinedale Anticline in Southwest Wyoming is the second-largest natural gas accumulation in the U.S. today. By the federal government's own estimates, Pinedale contains enough recoverable natural gas to heat more than 10 million American homes for thirty years.

- Under the SEIS, Questar and the other Operators will leave 92% of the Pinedale Anticline untouched by development. What's more, the Operators will enhance wildlife habitat in offsite areas to offset impacts as needed.

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- Under the plan, Questar and the other Pinedale operators will protect regional air quality by significantly reducing rig engine emissions and other emissions from production operations.

- Under the plan, Wyoming wins big. Wyoming gets half of the estimated $16 billion of royalties paid on natural gas produced at Pinedale in addition to severance and ad-valorem taxes.

- People who live in Pinedale and the surrounding area also win. The operators have proposed comprehensive measures to reduce the temporary impact of development on the community, including the elimination of truck-transport of produced liquids and more stable year-round jobs, to name just two.

- Questar Gas utility customers in Southwest Wyoming and Utah will benefit both directly and indirectly from the plan. Wexpro holds about 15% of Questar's working-interest acreage at Pinedale. The plan will result in an increase in lower-cost Wexpro gas supply to Questar Gas, thereby reducing the cost of natural gas for Questar Gas customers. Questar Gas customers will also benefit indirectly because increased natural gas production at Pinedale will lower the price the utility must pay for non-company-owned gas.

G-1 SA-7-1 I truly believe the new proposal is superior for wildlife, the environment, and the local and state economy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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