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RE: Support Access to Natural Gas in the Pinedale Anticline

I strongly support conducting year-round operations-including drilling and completions-in concentrated areas to better utilize existing natural gas operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area, as proposed by the operators. 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. Government estimates conclude that the Pinedale Anticline has enough natural gas to supply ten million homes annually for more than 30 years, making it the second largest gas field in the United States.

With today's technology, this enhanced development can be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. 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.

Year-round access to natural gas in the Pinedale Anticline will balance resources and benefit the community through the industry proposal to voluntarily reduce emissions and human activity, conserve wildlife and habitat and help with community planning. I support developing the area while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

Sincerely,