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RE: Support Operators' Long-Term Management Plan for Year-Round Access on the Pinedale Anticline

Dear Mr. Hiner:

The City of St. George, Utah Energy Services Department is a large user of natural gas and strongly supports predictable year-round access with the mitigation components offered by the proponents for the Pinedale Anticline SEIS. The City believes the Pinedale operators have offered mitigation commitments that will responsibly balance resource development and the environment. The federal government must allow for all seasonal wildlife stipulations to be lifted in certain areas in order for the operators to responsibly develop our nation's natural energy resources to create a predictable and stable economy.

Allowing predictable year-round access to these resources with appropriate mitigation and operational safe-guards, as outlined by the Pinedale operators, will improve national energy security, diversify supply, enhance economic development, and generate local, state, and federal revenue for the state of Wyoming. In addition, Utahans will reap the benefits of reduced natural gas prices. There will be less money spent to heat homes of Utah consumers and the City's natural gas electric generation costs will be stabilized with a more secure supply of natural gas.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the Pinedale Anticline is the second largest gas field in the United States and has enough natural gas to supply 10 million homes annually for more than 30 years. Consumers, industry, and businesses are struggling with rising energy prices, which makes safe, environmentally responsible access to domestic natural resources crucial to our economy's health.

The Pinedale operators' proposal will balance resources on the Pinedale Anticline by combining predictable year-round access with voluntary mitigation commitments that will benefit the environment and community. These commitments include directional drilling to reduce the number of roads and well pads, use of a Liquids Gathering System across the Anticline and use of advanced rig engine emission reduction technology to protect air quality. A Mitigation and Monitoring Fund would be established to address mitigations to minimize impacts from energy development. Ten-year planning and annual meetings with BLM and appropriate state agencies will support community planning. The natural gas being piped from the Anticline will help the Utah residents continue paying the second lowest natural gas prices in the Nation.

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- These commitments will balance resources and benefit the community while addressing the potential impacts identified in the RDSEIS. The City supports its conclusion that with these components, all of the acreage included in year-round access areas can be developed while protecting the environment, benefiting local communities, and advancing other economic interests.

Sincerely



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