

**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**IN THE MATTER OF CHANGES TO THE ) Cause No. 1R  
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OIL )  
AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ) DOCKET NO. 0803-RM-02  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO )**

**STATEMENTS RELATING TO WILDLIFE BY  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YUMA COUNTY.**

Yuma County would like to thank the DOW for arriving at a consensus with the eastern plains and specifically Yuma County on removing the prairie chicken, prairie dogs and other species from their recommendations. We really appreciate the DOW staff taking time to attend a meeting with concerned citizens of Yuma and Washington Counties on March 30 at the Eckley Community Center. We also want to thank the DOW director and staff for meeting with agriculture groups and the Yuma County Commissioners at the DOW headquarters and listening to the specific issues on wildlife.

We would really appreciate the COGCC to hold firm on the DOW recommendations to not include wildlife species as a permitting issue for Yuma County gas development.

The record does not provide any proof that new regulations are needed for gas development in Yuma County and once again we would ask that you allow our area to follow existing regulations. We would remind the commission that most of our development is on private lands with private contractual relationships between the industry and the land owner. We believe those contractual rights should supersede commission recommendations. If a surface owner and the industry cannot come to terms and the landowner files a complaint with the COGCC then there should be guidelines for the industry to follow in that event only.

We also want to thank Governor Ritter for his promise not to cause harm to rural Colorado on February 15, 2008 in Wray. Ritter's promise lead to a meeting with Mr. Neslin, the governor's policy advisor, Yuma County and a few industry leaders. The meeting focused on the difference in drilling and production of the gas in our area compared to the rest of the state. We appreciate the consideration given to areas of concern we have raised and look forward to further commenting on our alternative proposal.

The Yuma County respectfully requests that the Commission consideration these comments relating to wildlife in our county during its final deliberations.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of July, 2008.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
YUMA COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Wingfield – Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Wiley

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trent Bushner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on behalf of the Yuma County Coalition, one (1) original and fifteen (15) true and correct copies of the attached **REQUEST OF YUMA COUNTY COALITION FOR SEPARATE TIME TO ADDRESS CONSENSUS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS** were served by courier delivery on the 1st day of July, 2008, and filed with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, as follows:

Patricia Beaver, Hearing Manager  
Docket No. 0803-RM-02  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

and further certify that two (2) true and correct copies of said petition were served by courier delivery on the 13th day of June, 2008, to the Department of Law, as follows:

Kelly Rees  
Colorado Department of Law  
1525 Sherman Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80203

and lastly certify that true and correct electronic or paper copies of said petition were delivered to:

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Marc Fine at [marc.fine@state.co.us](mailto:marc.fine@state.co.us).  
All Parties on the COGCC Service List for Docket No. 0803-RM-02.

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Linda Briggs