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Cc: Unit Petroleum Co., 8200 S. Unit Dr., Tulsa, OK 74132
CC: Kurt Hildebrandt, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, UIC program, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Rene Stucky,

I would like to file a protest on Unit Petroleum's application for injection authority at the Royce A #1 well in Reno County and request a hearing.

We know that Hutchinson has already felt earthquakes originating from wells as distant as southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Operating a 10,000 barrel per day injection well in Reno County inevitably leads to stronger, more damaging earth quakes in the City.

Supposedly, as a citizen who lives outside Reno County, I have no legal interest in the consequences of such earthquakes. But as a Kansan who enjoys routinely doing business in and occasionally touring Hutchinson with out-of-state friends, I am familiar with the values that city offers all Kansans. I am especially concerned for the beautiful and irreplaceable historic structures downtown. They were not built to withstand earthquakes. I enjoy seeing them and the businesses they shelter. I would miss any of them if they are destroyed or so badly damaged they will have to be demolished. Losing any of these landmarks will be costly, economically and psychologically, to Hutchinson residents and Kansas tourism. Businesses and civic organizations have invested a lot in these structures, including the recently restored Fox Theatre. Even modern structures such as the Cosmosphere could be at risk. **Furthermore, every Kansan has a stake in tax revenues lost when these buildings and their businesses are damaged or destroyed. Such losses will come from our overall economy that history tells us will never be compensated for by injection well operators.**

I likely will incur the additional personal cost of purchasing earthquake insurance for my home now that this well and the others that are sure to follow move closer to my home area. Again, this is a cost that many Kansans living inside and **outside** Reno County will bear. So, all of us living in the earthquake zone have a financial interest, especially as our walls and foundations crack.

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All Kansans, especially Hutchinson area residents, are entitled to having the Kansas Geological Survey and Kansas Corporation Commission conduct scientifically objective analyses to determine the potential for earthquakes caused by this well and holding public hearings *before* considering its approval. Any thorough reasonable evaluation will likely find against hosting such a hazard in or nearby Reno County. Consequently, I support denying the permit now

Best regards,

Felix Revello