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Kansas Corporation Commission
Conservation Division
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Wichita, KS 67202-1513

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Kansas Corporation Commission
/s/ Lynn M. Retz

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Dear Mr. Stucky:

18-CONS-3196-CUIC

I am writing to ask that the KCC deny the applications by Midstates Energy Operating LLC. for permits to authorize the injection of saltwater into the Hadl leases located in Douglas County, Kansas. I am referring to their two applications filed within this past week and they are as follows:

1) an application to commence the injection of salt water into the Squirrel formation at the Hadl Lease I-1 4750 FSL 4590 FEL I-2 4290 FSL 4590 FEL; located in the Sec. 36, Twp. 13, R 20E, Douglas County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 600 psig, and a maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day.

AND


2) an application to commence the injection of salt water into the Squirrel formation at the Thrasher Lease 10 330 FSL 3170 FEL; located in the Sec. 25, Twp. 13, R 20E, Douglas County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 400 psig, and a maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day.

As a resident of Kansas living within an hour of both of these sites, and the ever increasing number of wells being drilled between the town of Burlington, KS where I live and the SW edges of the KC metro area, I am gravely concerned about the ever-increasing potential for resulting induced seismicity in relation to such oil recovery methods, and increase induced seismic activity in the area creating threats to both private and public property.

In addition to my concerns regarding induced seismic activity, I have even greater concerns for the resulting effects that this type of process will have on the surface and ground waters in the locale which includes tributaries to the Wakarusa River as well as the River's basin/watershed – waters used for drinking, livestock, farming and recreation, and resources that I and my family make use of from time to time.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully urge you to deny these two referenced applications by Midstates Energy Operating LLC. for permits to authorize the injection of saltwater into Hadl Lease I-1 4750 FSL 4590 FEL I-2 4290 FSL 4590 FEL; located in the Sec. 36, Twp. 13, R 20E, Douglas County, Kansas AND Thrasher Lease 10 330 FSL 3170 FEL; located in the Sec. 25, Twp. 13, R 20E, Douglas County, Kansas,

Sincerely, –


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October 19, 2017

Susan Royd-Sykes

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RE: Application for Injection Authority
Docket E-32,566
Midstates Energy Operating, LLC
Thrasher #I-5
Sec 25-T13S-R20E
Douglas County, Kansas

Dear Ms. Royd-Sykes:

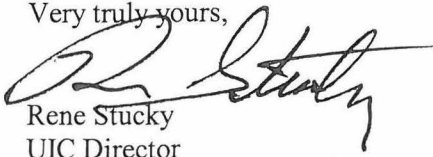
This letter acknowledges receipt of your protest/objection to the above-referenced application.

Please advise me within ten (10) days of receiving this letter if you feel a hearing should be scheduled in this matter. If a hearing is scheduled, you will be expected to participate in the hearing either in person or through legal counsel. Should you decide that you will not participate in a hearing, none will be scheduled and the application will be handled administratively and your protest will be noted. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires a hearing be held where significant interest is demonstrated. Failure to participate in the hearing process after filing a protest or objection indicates a lack of significant interest and no useful purpose would be served by holding a hearing if you, as opposing party, are not there to present testimony or cross-examine applicant's witnesses. If you are going to appear, you will receive a Notice of Hearing and should carefully comply with that Notice, including the requirement of pre-filed testimony. Any person requiring special accommodations under The Americans With Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing date. If you have questions regarding the hearing process, please contact Jon Meyers (316-337-6200) of our legal staff.

Commission staff has the duty to represent the public in general in recommending approval or denial of applications for injection or disposal well authority. One of the Commission's primary concerns is the protection of our groundwater and environment. If no hearing is held on this application, your objection will be taken into consideration by our staff in making a recommendation on this application. All of our staff geologists and technicians have qualified as expert witnesses and are sensitive to the concerns expressed by you and the citizens of our State.

Enclosed is a copy of the Conservation Division regulations regarding applications, hearings, and protestants. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Rene Stucky
UIC Director

cc: District Office # 3
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