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State Corporation Commission
of Kansas

Dear Commissioners:

As a Kansas citizen residing in Douglas county, I am writing in regard to the Public Notice published in the *Lawrence Journal-World* on October 16, 2018 (it appears on page 7 of Section C). The Notice was addressed to "You, and each of you," thereby inviting the participation of the public as a whole. The Notice gives notice of a permit application for four individual wells all located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 13S, Range 20E in Douglas County, Kansas by Midstates Energy Operating, LLC, 5571 Halifax Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33912. There are several concerns regarding the wells, each of which I will address individually within this letter, and which are grounds to dismiss the application as a whole.

I object to and protest the application for a permit to commence the injection of saltwater and toxic chemicals into the so-called Squirrel Formation at the Thrasher Lease I-5, located 330 Feet from the South Line and 3170 Feet from the East Line. According to page 11 of KORA request #1524580207 the permit for this well was revoked on March 9, 2016. As you can see from the enclosed color copy, the document is date-stamped as "KCC Wichita Oct 16 2017 RECEIVED." The KORA request was signed by Lynn M. Retz and sent on April 30, 2018. According to K.A.R. 82-3-408 (a): "Permits authorizing injection wells shall remain valid for the life of the well, unless revoked by the commission for just cause." Once a well permit is revoked it cannot be reinstated, even with a new application. By rule of the Commission's General Rules and Regulations the permit application itself is moot and may not be considered.

I object to and protest the application for a permit to commence the injection of saltwater and toxic chemicals into the so-called Squirrel Formation at Thrasher Lease I-4, located 349 Feet from the South Line and 3663 Feet from the East Line as well as Thrasher Lease I-3, located 679 Feet from the South Line and 3993 Feet from the East Line. No permit application was available to the general public on the date of the publication of the Public Notice (October 16, 2018) that I could see and has not become available in the 30 days following for either I-4 or I-3. I respectfully request that the time period for objection and protestation be extended for 30 days from the date the permit applications actually become available.

I object to and protest the request that the maximum injection pressure for Thrasher I-10 be increased to 500 psig. This pressure level is not consistent with other wells in the area and this request should not be granted.

Since the permit application concerns four individual wells, an objection to any one well or more should invalidate the permit application as a whole.

Should this permit application not be dismissed as per the above listed failures of compliance with regulation and concerns regarding process, I hereby request a hearing.

Since the public notice does not mention a docket number and can therefore not be sent electronically, this letter with attachment is being hand-delivered to the Topeka office on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Please note that a copy of this letter with attachment is also being sent to Midstates Energy Operating, LLC, 5571 Halifax Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33912 through the United States Postal Service.

I trust the Commission will give these concerns due consideration as demanded of their duty as public officials.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karin Pagel-Meiners". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karin Pagel-Meiners

