

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
TDR Construction, Inc. to Authorize ) Docket No. 19-CONS-3167-CUIC  
Injection of Saltwater into the )  
Squirrel Formation at the McCoy ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
#4WA, #8W, and #9W Wells Located )  
in Section 32, Township 15 South, ) License No. 32218  
Range 21 East, Franklin County, )  
Kansas. )

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF Elizabeth Jewell**

1. Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is Elizabeth Jewell. I reside at 3910 Labette Terrace, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. I am 59 years old.

2. Q. Please state your reasons for filing this protest.

A. We have lived in our home for 34 years. We raised 4 children, and we now have 8 grandchildren who are often visitors in our home. Through the years we have lived here we've received countless notices from Rural Water District 6 of exceedence of TDMLs on the consumer confidence reports from RWD6.

Over the years we have lived here, the man next door to the east of us, the man next door to the west of us, and the man across the street have all died from cancer. Those men lived here their entire lives. The little boy who lived across the street from the time he was born was diagnosed with Leukemia when he was 4 years old. The girl who grew up around the corner from where we live and raised our family was diagnosed with cancer in her early twenties.

Within the last few years RWD6 has been plagued with many more problems. A facebook page with approximately 100 members was started by the customers of RWD6 who are concerned with the quality of our drinking water. The page serves mostly as a way we can share problems we are having with our water and be in

1 contact with each other when problems occur. Often someone will post they have  
2 brown/undrinkable water. RWD6 water has continued to test high levels of  
3 manganese. Our water is such a concern to us we attend the water board meetings.

4 For these reasons we have been buying and carrying our water home from the grocery  
5 store a gallon at a time for the past ten years.

6 I believe the cancer diagnoses and deaths are tied to our drinking water. I am fearful  
7 that the solution pumped into these wells will not be contained. It will merge into the  
8 ground water and eventually to other abandoned wells and the river, releasing more  
9 contaminants adding to and intensifying the contaminants already present in our  
10 drinking water. The added risk of damage to our already inferior drinking water,  
11 dispersed by a water district that is already struggling to supply said inferior product,  
12 for such a small monetary gain in oil for the drillers is an unfair and high price to pay  
13 for the customers of Rural Water District 6.

14 3. Q. You make claims in your protest about the possibility of abandoned wells  
15 existing in the vicinity of both the McCoy lease and the Superior lease. On what do  
16 you base your claims?

17 A. Each of those neighbors I mentioned above has wells on their property, as do many  
18 of our other neighbors. Some neighbors we spoke to about the abandoned well(s) on  
19 their property are afraid to come forward because they are concerned they will be  
20 responsible to plug it. When we first moved here three of our immediate neighbors  
21 were members of a family who were drillers for decades. There are numerous wells  
22 left abandoned throughout the area and many of our neighbors have “inherited” these  
23 abandoned wells. I believe many if not all are undocumented.

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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28 /s/ Elizabeth Jewell  
29 Elizabeth Jewell  
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6 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
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8 I certify that a true copy of the above and foregoing was sent via electronic service  
9 to the following parties on March 11, 2019.

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## VERIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Jewell, state that I am the witness identified in the foregoing Pre-filed  
Testimony of Elizabeth Jewell; that I have read the above and foregoing; and that the  
statements therein contained are true according to my knowledge, information, and belief.

Elizabeth Jewell  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2019

Betsy Hedges  
Notary Public Signature

