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/s/ Lynn M. Retz

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October 22, 2017

Rene Stucky
Kansas Corporation Commission
Conservation Division
266 N. Main St., Ste. 220
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Re: PLEASE Say not to Fracking in Franklin County and DG County that is so near KC, Lawrence, KU...etc.

Dear Mr. Stucky:

I am writing to ask that the Kansas Corporation Commission deny the application by JTC Oil, Inc. for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater into the the squirrel formation at the following wells on the Blunk lease, located in Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 21 East:

Blunk I-10, located 1603 feet from the South Line and 588 feet from the East Line,

Blunk I-11, located 1254 feet from the South Line and 220 feet from the East Line;

In Franklin County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 500 PSIG and a maximum injection rate of 400 bbls per day.

K.S.A. 82a-702 states: "All water within the state of Kansas is hereby dedicated to the use of the people of the state, subject to the control and regulation of the state in the manner herein prescribed."

K.S.A 82a-705 states: "No person shall have the power or authority to acquire a new appropriation right to the use of water for other than domestic use without first obtaining the approval of the chief engineer, and no water rights of any kind may be acquired hereafter solely by adverse use, adverse possession, or by estoppel."

In addition to my concerns regarding our Kansas water supplies, these wells are known to create induced seismic activity. In the last weeks alone the following quakes have happened in areas where this type of oil recovery/salt water injection is taking place:

near Mankato: 2.7M at 9:13pm, Oct. 13; near Harper: 3.1M at 6:29pm, Oct 11; near Salina: 2.5M at 3:25pm, Oct. 19; near Anthony: 2.6M at 8:27pm, Oct. 8; near Harper: 2.6M at 3:20pm, Oct. 8.

To the best of my knowledge, there is currently no regulatory oversight in place to require oil operators to provide compensation for resulting damage, and to the best of my knowledge, no property owner in Kansas has been compensated by the oil industry for such related damage.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully urge the KCC to deny this application.

Sincerely,


M. J. Weeks

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October 30, 2017

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RE: Application for Injection Authority
JTC Oil, Inc.
Blunk I-10 & I-11
Sec. 18-17S-21E
Franklin County, Kansas

Dear M J Weeks:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the protest/objection you filed on October 24, 2017, for the above-referenced application. Be advised the KCC has not received an application for injection as of today's date.

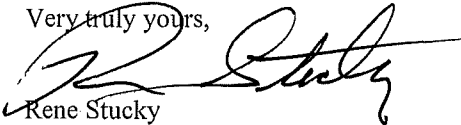
Procedurally, this letter is mailed out regarding protested injection applications asking if the protestant would like to schedule the matter for hearing. Your letter will be made part of the file and available to technical staff during the research and analysis of the application.

If you wish to proceed with a hearing 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 John McCannon 316-337-6214 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 protestant's. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate contacting me at 316-337-6197.

Very truly yours,



Rene Stucky
Production/UIC Supervisor

Cc: JTC Oil, Inc.
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