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RE: Objection to the See Oil application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater into the Burge Lease, located in Crawford County, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Myers,

This letter is to formally withdraw my protest to Mr. See's application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater into the Burge Lease, located in Crawford County, Kansas.

The protest was filed due to two primary concerns regarding Mr. See's application. The first concern was that the saltwater injection could potentially cause increased seismic activity. The second concern was that the saltwater injection could potentially contaminate freshwater.

Mr. See's correction of the application and testimony has addressed both concerns so that I do not believe a public hearing is necessary and withdraw my protest.

First, Mr. See has corrected the application. In the original application, Mr. See stated he was seeking to operate injection wells with a maximum operating pressure of 180 psig and a maximum injection rate of 810 bbls/day. In his pre-filed testimony, Mr. See clarified he is seeking authority for an actual maximum injection rate of 50 bbls/day.

This significantly lower rate addresses my concerns about increased seismic activity. When compared with the injection rate limits currently set by the KCC for other counties, I can see how the proposed injection rate by Mr. See is not likely to cause an increase in seismic activity in Crawford County.

Second, Mr. See's testimony about precautions he has taken to prevent pollution has addressed my concerns regarding potential contamination of fresh water. His explanation of the surface casing and long string assures me that he has taken the potential risk seriously and responded to it in a responsible way. The testimony of Rene Stuckey has addressed my concerns regarding the effectiveness of the precautions he has taken. Also, Mr. See's statement that he conducts regular inspections assures me that if his application is approved then he will continue to monitor the injection wells to prevent future contamination of groundwater by his operations.

I want to thank Mr. See for addressing my concerns. As a resident of Crawford County, I am concerned about the safety of my environment and the threat that saltwater

injection can pose through increased seismic activity and water pollution. I am grateful to know that Mr. See recognizes those threats and is taking necessary precautions to ensure that his business does not harm Crawford County residents.

Sincerely,

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