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Dear Kellie:

On behalf of the Wyoming Business Alliance I am writing to you today in support of the EnCana NPL Natural Gas Development Project.

The **economic benefits** of this project are significant. Without it, and continued natural gas development, both Wyoming and Sublette County in particular would suffer irreversible economic hardships. Please note the following:

- ❖ The Wyoming legislature increased biennium spending (through June 30, 2011) by \$250 million, (13%)(to meet government and citizen needs). EnCana's state severance and royalty payments were \$162 million in 2010 -- arguably 65% of the \$250 million.
- ❖ Sublette County's total assessed value of \$3.5 billion for 2010 represented 16% of the state's total. The county's valuation has alternated being number one or two with Campbell County for the past decade.
- ❖ The county's assessed valuation is over three times greater than Cheyenne/Laramie County and Casper/Natrona County.
- ❖ Sublette County has the lowest employment rate in the state – 3.9%.
- ❖ Historic and potential drilling actively in Jonah (and for NPL) is revealing. The current well count is steady 2010-2013, but declines sharply in 2014-2015 for Jonah. The NPL wells pick-up the slack and provide for robust and steady activity for 2013-2014... which translates into steady employment.

The **environmental benefits** are equally important. EnCana is an industry leader in addressing a wide range of environmental (potential and real) concerns. Without its presence, a wide range of mitigating measures more than likely would not have occurred. Take note of these EnCana measures:

- ❖ Conversion of diesel rig engines to natural gas;

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- ❖ Selective catalytic oxidation emission controls;
- ❖ Flare-less flow back green well completion;
- ❖ Funding of air quality studies;
- ❖ Gas, water and condensate will be collected in closed-loop systems;
- ❖ Emissions will be below Jonah;
- ❖ Big game habitat and migration corridors will be protected;
- ❖ Sage grouse core areas protection will take place;
- ❖ Directional drilling to minimize surface impacts will occur; and
- ❖ Soil conditions and seeding with indigenous plants will happen.

In conclusion, we request BLM's approval of EnCana's Normally Pressured Lance (NPL) natural gas development program.

Very Sincerely,



Bill Schilling
President

