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December 22, 2005

Ms. Sheryl D. Ayers, Chairman
La Plata County Board of Commissioners
1060 E. 2nd Ave.
Durango, Colorado 81301

Re: Response to the December 12, 2005 Letter
From the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners

Dear Ms. Ayers,

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Chairman Peter Mueller has requested that I contact you to acknowledge their receipt of the above-captioned letter expressing your concern about methane seepage at the Fruitland Formation outcrop in La Plata County.

The COGCC understands your concern about the methane seepage issues. The Commission would like to invite you and the other members of the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners to come to the January 9, 2006 COGCC hearing in Denver to further discuss the matter. For your convenience we would be able to place you on the hearing agenda at approximately 11:00 a.m. Please contact COGCC Hearings Manager Tricia Beaver at (303) 894-2100 x115 or tricia.beaver@state.co.us to let us know if you would like to be placed on the January 9, 2006 COGCC hearing agenda.

The COGCC looks forward to conducting additional dialogue on the methane seepage issue with the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners. We will be developing a response to your letter of December 12, 2005 after there has been an opportunity for further discussion of the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Macke".

Brian J. Macke
Director

Cc: Senator Jim Isgar
Representative Mark Larson
CDNR Director Russell George