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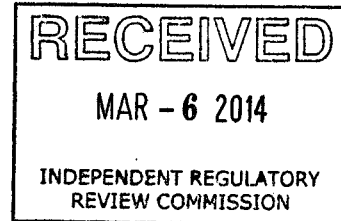
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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking 7-484 - Chapter 78 Form Letter US Energy Development Corporation
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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Rulemaking 7-484 - Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "US Energy Development Corporation". To date, we have received 6 copies of this letter.

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Dear Board Members:

I represent U.S. Energy Development Corporation, an employer of numerous Pennsylvania employees. The jobs of these employees within our firm are dependent on the oil and gas industry. **I am writing to urge you to vote "NO" on the changes to the oil and gas regulations currently before your committee.**

U.S. Energy has drilled nearly 1000 oil wells within the Bradford area over the past 6 years, spending over \$125,000,000 in the process. There were no tax concessions provided the development and the entire community benefitted. To this day, our crude oil still flows to the ARG refinery and we maintain an office in Bradford staffed with over 25 full time employees.

Due to the extreme enforcement and new regulations related to oil and gas operations in this area, U.S. Energy has been forced to drill in states that actually encourage the oil industry such as Oklahoma and Texas. Their gain has been at the expense of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Shallow oil and gas have been produced in our area for over 150 years and has had no lasting detrimental effect on our environment. Putting the local oil industry out of business by imposing costly, unnecessary new regulations would damage the entire economy.

If you think it is necessary to impose new regulations on drillers and operators of deep, nonconventional wells, why weren't the new regulations written for just that purpose? Why were the shallow well drillers and producers included? U.S. Energy owns interests in several Marcellus wells in Pennsylvania also. The regulations have slowed that industry down as well.

Please vote "NO" to the proposed changes to Chapter 78 regulations so that thousands of jobs that depend on these producers of shallow oil and gas are not lost.

Sincerely,

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