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## **EXHIBIT G**:

To

## VAQUERO BIG HORN, LLC'S APPEAL OF DISCHARGE PERMIT RENEWAL AND REQUEST FOR STAY

From: Kathy Shreve <kathy.shreve@wyo.gov> Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:00 AM

To: Chad Walker <cwalker@vaqueroenergy.com>

Subject: Fwd: WYPDES permit renewal application WY0027731 - State 30 Lease 70-1284

Chad -

It does appear that Matt Smith of your organization was notified that the permit was in PN during the PN period...see below.

So here's the deal with your current permit. It can't be retracted. Vaquero BigHorn of course is free to file an appeal. However, DEQ feels that it would be in Vaguero BigHorn's best interest to just submit a permit modification. Basically that's what will happen if the permit's appealed. The permit modification could include a compliance schedule to allow Vaquero BigHorn some time to collect data at a monitoring point prior to confluence with the Greybull River that might demonstrate an alternate radium limit is appropriate. During the compliance schedule period, the radium limit would revert to what it was previously. And if Vaquero BigHorn has any other data that might demonstrate an alternate radium limit is appropriate, WDEQ would be happy to review and consider it.

In the meantime, your defense to any permit limit violations would be that you're in the process of modifying your permit. Should you choose to modify your permit, I'll let the compliance staff know what's going on.

On another note, I'm a little confused by something that I heard in today's phone call, though...about the flow limit being considerably less than in the previous permit...which was 1 MGD. Although the current permit's flow limit is less (0.656 MGD), that limit was based upon flow data I received from Matt Smith....so I'm not sure why you would say that the current flow limit is 6-7 times less than your current flow?

Forwarded message
From: <b>Kathy Shreve</b> < <u>kathy.shreve@wyo.gov</u>

Date: Tue, Jul 27, 2021 at 11:41 AM

Subject: Re: WYPDES permit renewal application WY0027731 - State 30 Lease 70-1284

To: Matt Smith < matt.smith@vaquerobighorn.com >

Matt -

Yes, that permit was complete, and is currently in public notice. It will complete the PN process in mid-August.

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 5:47 PM Matt Smith < <a href="matt.smith@vaquerobighorn.com">matt.smith@vaquerobighorn.com</a> wrote:

Hello there Kathy,

Just following up to make sure you have everything you need on this.

Thanks.

Matt