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**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF WYOMING**

<b>In the Matter of: Petitioner Big Horn LLC</b> <b>Permit No. WYW0027731</b>	) ) ) )	<b>Docket No. 21-3601</b>
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

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**COME NOW**, Vaquero Big Horn, LLC and the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division (“DEQ”), by and through their respective counsel, and hereby file this joint status report and request for a 60-day continuance in the above-captioned matter.

1. On November 23, 2021, Vaquero appealed from Wyoming Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (“WYPDES”) Permit No. WYW002731, issued by DEQ on October 26, 2021 (“2021 Permit Renewal”). The appeal included a request to stay the 2021 Permit Renewal, to allow Vaquero to operate the Facility under the terms and conditions of the 2016 WYPDES permit pending resolution of the appeal.
2. On December 17, 2021, the Council issued an order setting a hearing on the Request for Stay and Scheduling Conference for January 19, 2022.

3. On January 11, 2022, DEQ notified the Council that it does not oppose Vaquero's Request for Stay.
4. On January 12, 2022, the Council issued an order granting Vaquero's Request for Stay and cancelling the hearing on the Request for Stay.
5. DEQ and Vaquero continue to work together to resolve the appeal, however, additional time is needed to finalize terms of the settlement. The Parties anticipate presenting the Council with a resolution of this matter within the next two months.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Council continue this matter for an additional 60 days to provide the Parties additional time to complete their settlement negotiations, and cancel the scheduling conference scheduled for January 19, 2022. A proposed order granting the requested continuance is attached.

Submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 18 day of January 2022, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically with the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council's online docket system and copies were served upon the persons listed below as follows:

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