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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STATE OF WYOMING

Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

In the Matter of Objections to Bill Barrett)
WYPDES Permits WY0051217) Docket No. 04-3802
and WY0051233)

DEQ CASE UPDATE

This filing responds to the Environmental Quality Council's (Council) January 10, 2006 letter to counsel for the parties requesting a case update in the above-captioned matter.

Petitioner Wyoming Outdoor Council (WOC) has objected to two WYPDES permits issued by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to Bill Barrett Corporation (BBC). Earlier this week, counsel for WOC and BBC have indicated to counsel for DEQ that they appear close to agreement for resolving WOC's objections on terms which would also be acceptable to the WDEQ.

Chapter I, Section 11 (Settlement) of the DEQ Rules of Practice & Procedure provides for disposition of contested cases by stipulation, upon approval of the Council. Finalizing the terms and preparation and circulation of settlement documents for signature would still take some time. All things considered, the parties should be able to file either the necessary settlement documents or a proposed hearing schedule on or before March 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of January, 2006.



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