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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF WYOMING

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director  
Environmental Quality Council

Wyoming Outdoor Council, Petitioner )  
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 v. )  
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 Wyoming Department of Environmental )  
 Quality )  
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 and )  
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 Bill Barrett Corporation, )  
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 Respondents. )  
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 In the Matter of Objections )  
 to Bill Barrett WYPDES Permits )  
 No. WY0051217 and No. WY0051233 )

Docket No. 04-3802

Petitioner's Status Report

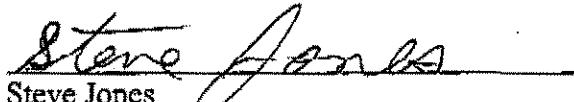
Comes now the Wyoming Outdoor Council, by and through its attorney, and, pursuant to the Environmental Quality Council's January 10, 2006 letter to the parties in this matter, requesting a case update in the above-captioned matter, hereby provides the following response:

1. Wyoming Outdoor Council (WOC), the Petitioner in this matter, has objected to two WYPDES permits issued by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to Bill Barrett Corporation (BBC). WOC, BBC and DEQ are diligently pursuing a negotiated settlement of this matter and, in the opinion of the undersigned counsel, appear to be close to reaching an agreement in this matter on acceptable terms to all parties. This would avoid the necessity of presenting a contested case hearing on this matter before the Environmental Quality Council (EQC).

2. Chapter I, Section 11 (Settlement) of the DEQ Rules of Practice & Procedure provides for disposition of contested cases by Stipulation, upon approval of the Environmental Quality Council. It is anticipated that the parties will present a Stipulation to the EQC if settlement terms can be reached between the parties. Finalizing the terms and preparation and circulation of settlement documents for signature would still take some time.

3. The undersigned counsel anticipates that the parties should be able to file either the necessary settlement documents or a proposed hearing schedule for the Environmental Quality Council's consideration on or before March 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of January, 2006.

  
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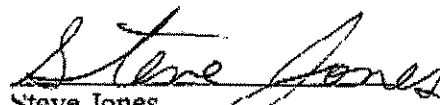
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served foregoing Petitioners' Status Report, by placing a true and accurate copy in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the 30th day of January 2006, upon the following:

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