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Attention: David Helmer, Director, Central Region,

Re: File # 00236513

In response to this application for fresh water for an Enhanced Oil Recovery, the Butte Action Committee will register a "statement of concern". The Butte Action Committee, whose mission is the preservation of fresh water for the future, has members who are directly affected by this proposal. These members have water wells completed into the same water source as the applicant.

BAC is concerned about the destruction of one finite resource to "enhance" another resource. Fresh water is the only choice for domestic consumption, for agricultural production, and many other industries while oil can be recovered by several other means, although these other methods are more costly.

It is morally wrong to restrict the future of "all Albertans" by destroying fresh water today just because it is financially beneficial to the oil company's profit margin. As Albertans today, we are charged with the responsibility to envision the future. The future growth of Alberta will depend on the availability of fresh water. Although science tells us there is sufficient water to support this waterflood at this time, the volumes removed from the water cycle will negatively impact the aquifer until it is too late to rectify the situation. We must be vigilant, starting today.

We cannot change the past with its loss of tremendous volumes of fresh water sacrificed for oil recovery but we can stand up and make the morally correct decision for "all Albertans" starting with this application and moving forward with the next and the next and the next.

Thank you for your attention to our statement of concern,

Yours truly,

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