

Dear Mr. Rice

Thank you for sending us the February and March 2023 Potpourri editions published in the Louisiana Register, which discuss the proposed regulation that would require oil and gas operators in the state to capture and sell natural gas produced as a byproduct of oil production or capture and flare it.

We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of the proposed changes in the regulations. After careful review and consideration of the proposed options, my business partners and I believe that option 1, which requires us to gather and sell the gas, will be prohibitively expensive for our company. As a small business, we simply cannot afford to build several miles of gathering systems and supporting infrastructure at this time, especially when we are struggling to make payroll.

Option 2 is a more affordable option, but it is still prohibitively expensive for our company. Additionally, we believe that the addition of dozens of flares will be a serious fire hazard in the heavily forested section of the state where our operation is located.

We would like to express our concerns about the potential financial impact that the proposed regulation may have on our business. We would appreciate any further information you can provide on potential cost-saving measures, alternatives to the proposed regulation, or any exemptions that may apply to our business.

Additionally, I'd like to comment on the proposed changes to the SOA regulations. My company has not been financially able to plug a well in several years, due to the slump in the price of oil.

Once again, thank you for sharing this information with us, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Will Clawson

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