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DOCKET SERVICES
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c/o Callie Farrar, Commission Secretary
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Re: Motion Requesting a Market Demand Hearing and Order by Pioneer Natural Resources U.S.A. Inc. and Parsley Energy Inc.

Dear Chairman Christian and Commissioners Sitton and Craddick:

As the administrator for the Association of Workers, Professionals and Wildcatters I wish to express our group's support for the motion requesting a market demand hearing filed by Pioneer Natural Resources U.S.A. Inc. and Parsley Energy Inc.

We are a LinkedIn Group and c(4) association recently formed to speak out on behalf of the rank and file of smaller scale entrepreneurs and those who work in the oil industry. We are not represented by trade organizations typically dominated by large companies, unions or other special interests. It is this "rank and file" which stands to be hurt the most by the recent collapse in oil prices. The majors have balance sheets to take advantage of hard times; we do not. Innovators, engineers, geologists, truck drivers, pumpers, risk-takers and hourly employees: these have been the beating heart of the Texas oil industry. These are most at risk today.

The Railroad Commission faces a crisis in our industry which is even more severe than that which faced it at its creation, and led to market proration: the declaration of martial law and the regulation of freewheeling ways after the discovery of East Texas. Either Texas again leads the world to a more stable oil business environment or Texas will follow oil's chaotic collapse. It is in the hands of the Railroad Commission to encourage our federal government to collaborate with other governments to share the pain of market collapse, and to give it the means with which to negotiate a better deal for the United States and for Texas. The alternative is massive waste, not only of oil reserves that will be lost from shut-in wells, but more importantly of the waste of people, livelihoods, and contributions to the most dynamic industry Texas has known. This is an industry that has built Texas, providing great prosperity, education systems and optimism. If this industry is not defended in Texas and the world, its losses would deeply damage this state. Its losses would also weaken the United States which has only recently gained enormous strategic and national security advantage from the strength and growth of the Texas oil industry. The Railroad Commission is charged with preventing waste. Its mission is built on pragmatism and not on dogmatic ideology. We believe in the free market, but we also believe in a functioning market that is as free as possible. Millions of Americans depend on you to take the actions your predecessors took to balance pragmatism and the market to protect prosperity and to prevent waste.

Sincerely,

Assoc. of Workers, Professionals and Wildcatters



Alex Cranberg, Administrator