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Representative Gordon E. Dove, Sr., Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Post Hearing Report of Proposed Amendment to
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XIX. 118 (Statewide Order No. 29-B)

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.118 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana. The proposed amendment is made to extend the time frame for submitting the Work History Report following a hydraulic fracture stimulation operation from 20 days to 30 days. The proposed amendment is made at the request of the regulated industry. As a result of better technology allowing for longer laterals, the time necessary to prepare the surveys required to be filed with the Work History Report has increased.

In accordance with La R.S. 49:968.B and C. the Commissioner forwarded a report (dated August 10, 2015) of proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices.

A public hearing held September 28, 2015, under Docket Number CON RULE AMD 2015-07, afforded interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule amendments. The public comment period was held open until 4:30 PM October 5, 2015. Pursuant to La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b), the Commissioner of Conservation submits the following summary report of the public hearing.

I. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(i) – A summary of public hearing testimony:

The agency introduced the proposed rule and filed the state exhibits into the record. Although several members of the public attended the hearing, no comments were received during the hearing. Further, no comments were received during the public comment period.

II. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(ii) – A summary of all comments received, a copy of the agency's responses, and a statement of the agency's action resulting from comments received:

No comments were received.

III. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iii) – A revision of the proposed rule since submitting the report of La R.S. 49:968.B, or a statement that no changes were made:

No changes were made since submitting the previous report.

IV. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iv) – A concise statement of the principal reasons for and against adoption of any amendments or changes suggested:

No changes, amendments or comments were received since submitting the previous report.

The Office of Conservation expects to publish the final rule in the Louisiana Register as soon as permissible under the Administrative Procedures Act. Please inform us of your decision on whether or not you intend to hold a hearing as permitted by La R.S. 49:968.D(2)(a).

Please contact me at 225-342-7889 if there are any questions or if any clarification of the above is needed.

Yours very truly,



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