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RE: Potpourri
Docket No. R A 2023-13

Good Afternoon,

My comments regarding gas venting are as follows:

1. If gas venting is prohibited, how then should it be stored? There is a limit to any storage capacity. What happens when capacity is reached? Who stands to profit from storing the gas? Someone with government connections is the most likely answer. What will they do with it? You cannot store the world's methane.

If methane were a true threat, farmers and oilfield workers would be dropping like flies.

2. Concerning inactive wells; some are inactive for economic reasons and do have future utility. A stripper well that is profitable at \$80/bbl may not be profitable at \$40/bbl oil. I does not make sense to operate the well at a lose when decades of experience show us the cyclical nature of the price of oil. Nor would it make sense to plug an oil well that will make money in the future.

Most responsible producers in the Caddo Pine Island field are slowly plugging their wells that truly have no future utility. Those of us with a track record of consistent P&A should be allowed to carry on as the prudent operators we are.

3. There is no need to create regulations that harm prudent operators. We are a source of revenue for our state. We are employers that families depend on. How about going after the bad actors out there, many of whom do not even live in this country. Go after the polluters. Go after the operators who are not following the current regulations. Leave the good guys/gals alone.

Sincerely,



Steve McLaurin

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