



August 18, 2023

Ms. Carrie Wiebelt
Office of Conservation
Engineering Administrative Division
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

Re: Public Comments
Venting and Flaring of Natural Gas

Dear Ms. Wiebelt:

I am submitting this public comment in response to the Notice of Intent on "Venting and Flaring of Natural Gas". I sincerely appreciate your efforts on providing specific information related to the subject issue. My company, Ryca Energy Partners LLC, is the owner and operator of stripper oil wells located in Concordia, LaSalle, and Winn Parishes, LA. We produce approximately 300 barrels of oil per day and employ 24 people.

Comment #1: We propose to add language to "Application to Drill" that would be specific to stripper wells. Language could be added as A.4 that stripper wells are exempt from A.3. The operator can state on the application that the well is expected to be a stripper well. The permit can then be granted.

Comment #2: We propose that "Exceptions and Hearing" should be changed to read "Exceptions, Exemptions, and Hearings". Item A.2 could be changed to read "recognized stripper areas and stripper wells certified by the Louisiana Department of Revenue are exempt".

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Bates", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Larry L. Bates
Founder / President / CEO
Ryca Energy Partners LLC