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1701 N. Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78711

Re: *Oil & Gas Dockets: No. 08-0309997; No. 08-0310001; No. 08-0310003;  
No. 08-0310004; No. 08-0310005*

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to fully express my support for the applications by Sinclair Oil & Gas Company and Four Sevens Operating Company ("Sinclair") to develop the mineral resources beneath the City of Big Spring by horizontally drilling on pooled units.

According to industry sources, it is estimated that the total recoverable hydrocarbon reserves in the Spraberry Formation beneath an area the size of Big Spring could exceed 100 million barrels of oil, using existing and future recovery technologies. At current prices, this oil would have a value of about 6 billion dollars. This development would yield substantial new revenue for decades to come for Big Spring.

Our city's history includes the discovery of oil in the region during the 1920s, marking the beginning of the prolific oil industry in the Permian Basin. However, the oil and gas business hit its peak in Big Spring during the 1950s. Now, with the advent of horizontal drilling and Sinclair's efforts to develop the Spraberry, we aspire to be a part of the exciting history taking place surrounding us, making Texas the nation's top energy producer and providing economic independence and security for our country.

I look forward to this development becoming an economic driver for our city. I appreciate your time and commend you for your strong leadership.

Sincerely,  


Larry McLellan  
Mayor of Big Spring