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Commissioner Foerster,

Attached please find comments submitted by Apache Alaska on the proposed hydraulic fracturing regulations. Apache looks forward to working with you as the Commission further refines these regulations.

Lisa Parker

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August 1, 2013

Ms. Cathy Foerster, Chair

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

333 West 7th Avenue, Suite 100

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Proposed Regulations 20 AAC 25 Hydraulic Fracturing

Dear Chair Foerster:

Apache Alaska Corporation (Apache) thanks the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) for the opportunity to comment on the above Hydraulic Fracturing regulations. In a number of states where Apache operates the company already submits hydraulic fracturing data to regulatory agencies.

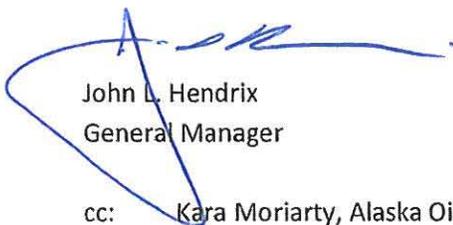
Apache's mission and core values include operating in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Deriving benefit from the earth we take environmental responsibility seriously and are not opposed to adoption of the proposed regulations. However, Apache does have concerns over the proposed regulations.

We suggest that AOGCC temporarily suspend its rule making effort for hydraulic fracturing operations, until the BLM rulemaking effort runs its course. Alaska has a great percentage of federal land compared with any other states, and BLM rules will have an impact on operations. There is no need to rush forward with new rules based on industry activity levels in Alaska. A year from now this process might seem a lot clearer and easier for all parties based on regulatory precedent.

Finally, Apache supports the comments submitted by the Alaska Oil and Gas Association in this matter.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Hendrix
General Manager

cc: Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil and Gas Association