

## OCC Hearing Exhibit 39

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### PRC Commission Clerk, Florene Davidson

Please forward my comments to the Commission for their meeting on Thursday, 7/30/2020

Sirs:

I am very concerned about the proposed regulations that would allow the oil and gas industry to use or sell their waste water for use in our communities and on our agricultural lands. I do not understand why they can't use that water over and over again rather than further depleting the clean water supplies. We need to preserve and protect our precious water supplies for our future survival.

They cannot prove that water is safe for exposure because they won't tell us everything that is in that slurry. That would mean we don't even know what to test for! But even if that were not the case they have not established that this Produced Water is actually as clean as the water that came out of the aquifer. That tainted water is proposed to be spread in our communities and rural areas as well as to be absorbed by our food products and animals. Once it is dispersed there is no way to get it back or remove it from the environment. Haven't we learned anything from all the toxic remains from military, refining, mining and other industries that have left sick and damaged people all over our Country?

I would reiterate these 4 main points and request that you do not approve these rules as they stand:

- We oppose the use of fracked toxic waste, aka produced water used for any purpose other than repurposed in fracking operations
- We want our water preserved for drinking and agriculture
- We want strongly worded, enforceable regulations
- We worry about the role of the gas and oil industry in creating these rules and in its role as a research partner with NMSU on fracked toxic waste

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