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ATTN: Frank Chavez

Dear Mr. Chavez,

I would like to respond to the draft policy FF0 - 01 - 1 - NTL concerning impact of oil and gas compressors.

In 1998, Cross-Timbers, now XTO, installed a compressor 175 feet from our front door. The compressor is the Rowland A #1 and is located in Township 30 North, Range 12 West, Section 25, approximately 3.5 miles from Aztec. The compressor has no sound baffling, no quiet motor and the muffler has not been buried. We have talked to the company for two years now trying to get them to do something, and they have done not one thing to alleviate the problem. They simply DO NOT CARE...

XTO placed the compressor 50 feet from a running stream. This stream runs 365 days a year and feeds water to the surrounding area ponds and ditches. The noise pollution this compressor is making is enormous. We have a beautiful home and front yard, but are no longer able to go into our front yard and enjoy it because of the constant roar that emulates from the compressor.

My daughter, who is now 14, can no longer sleep well as the location is 125 feet from her bedroom window. She used to enjoy laying in the grass in our front yard, but now only goes into the back because of the sound which is constant 24 hours a day...

The aggravation the compressor has created has caused irritation and nervousness to our everyday lives. We have horses, which we ride quite often, and are very careful, when we cross in our front yard as the horses have spooked many times and refused to walk past the sound. My daughter has been playing the piano for 7 years. We used to love to listen to her play, but we now hear the roar of the compressor over her piano in the evenings! This is too loud! Prior to the compressor installation, deer were in our front lawn each evening. We loved it! Since that time, we no longer enjoy the deer, as they do not come

anywhere near the sound. It has impacted them also.

In the last four years, I have been much more tense and irritable and I feel the roar of the compressor has taken its toll. Our lives are quite good and this is the only thing I can contribute it to.

What if this was your family and welfare. What would you do? I feel this problem is out of control and has impacted our property value and our lives beyond control. Something MUST be done to regulate what the oil and gas industry is doing to our health and welfare.

We as citizens, are quite concerned about BLM and NMOCD allowing the industry to encroach on property values and the health of citizens on privately owned land. Something MUST be done to regulate this from happening. Laws MUST be put into effect to regulate and prevent this from taking hold of our lives and creating problems, which MAY NEVER be repaired. The health and well being of our community, state and families are at stake and it is time to take action.

I am extremely upset that Cross-Timbers or XTO has refused to work with us on this. We have been very nice about our requests and have tried to believe they would help to remedy a portion of the problem. Instead, they have chosen to lie to us concerning this and just go around us in every way. Please help us in our plight to get sound and health regulations for our state and community. Our lives depend on it.

Sincerely, Lisa L. Selby

## Concerned Citizen

cc/Enclosures
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