

OCC Hearing Exhibit 24

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Subject: [EXT] Fracking Water and its inherent pollution
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Dear Ms. Davidson,

I strongly disapprove of the practice of allowing poisonous “fracking” water to be discharged outside of oil and gas producing areas. The oil and gas industry may call this “water” but it is a conglomeration of poisons. The oil and gas industry needs to be held accountable for their egregious history of bringing ecological ruin to the state of New Mexico. The idea of releasing this toxic mixture of heavy metals and radioactive materials into our water system is a danger to our environment and to human health. Please consider present and future generations who need clean water to exist.

I will go further by saying that the practice of “fracking” needs to be stopped immediately. “Fracking” is a last ditch effort by the oil and gas companies to continue their out-dated practice of keeping America and the rest of the world hostage to fossil fuels. We all know the time has come to put the health of people above the profits of the fossil fuel industry.

We, in the state of New Mexico, are endowed with an abundance of sunshine and wind. This “free” energy is the future of New Mexico. Just look at the work of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative to see that the future of New Mexico and mankind is clean renewable energy. Kit Carson Cooperative is bringing clean renewable energy to its customers and is an example for all of New Mexico and the United States to follow.

We in New Mexico continually hear that the oil and gas industry bring billions of dollars to our state. But where does this money go? What do we New Mexicans get from it?

The Albuquerque Journal reported on January 16th 2020 that the oil and gas revenue from this industry brought in \$3.1 billion. They stated that this could provide enough money to support about 29,000 teachers around the state. But our teachers are payed dismal salaries and our youth are leaving the state for a better life.

Below is a quote from the Las Cruces Sun News from June 16, 2019

" New Mexico is once again ranked 50th out of the 50 states for child well-being. This is the third time the state has ranked last in the nation. New Mexico fell to 50th in 2013, then again in 2018.

Louisiana ranked 49th this year, bumping Mississippi up to 48th. New Hampshire ranked first.

The rankings comes from the Kids Count Data Book, released Monday by the Annie E. Casey Foundation."

So as billions pour into our educational system, child well being flounders in the abyss.

Now the oil and gas industry wants carte blanche to pollute our water.

It is time to put the brakes on corporate profits and think about our people first. Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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