

# COUNTY OF LIVE OAK



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**RE: DOCKET NO. OG-20-00003167; IN RE: MOTION FOR COMMISSION CALLED HEARING ON THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT OF PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES U.S.A. INC. AND PARSLEY ENERGY INC. TO DETERMINE REASONABLE MARKET DEMAND FOR OIL IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Commissioners:

I respectfully submit these comments as County Judge in Live Oak County, Texas. Located in the heart of the Eagle Ford Shale, Live Oak County benefits from the responsible development of oil and natural gas. This industry anchors our economy by creating high-paying jobs and providing an important source of revenue.

I am concerned by the Texas Railroad Commission's consideration of prorationing within the oil and gas industry. Prorationing penalizes efficient producers and distorts free markets. Allowing the free trade of energy to continue benefits the U.S. economy by creating and sustaining domestic jobs.

I recognize that this is an extraordinary time for the oil and gas industry, however, state government intervention is not the solution. I do not believe the Railroad Commission should engage in prorationing or curtailment of production statewide or in any region. History shows it to be bad policy when government manipulates supply and demand. This seems to once again follow the thought, *"government knows what is best for us, not those involved at the grass roots level"*. The oil and gas industry in the great State of Texas has set world standards; lean times can make us stronger. In my opinion, Intervention by prorationing is a mistake. The State of Texas should remain a free market.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment and I do not wish to testify at the upcoming RRC meeting.



Sincerely,



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