

**From:** [Kirby, Matthew](#)  
**To:** [RRC Conference](#)  
**Subject:** Railroad Commission decision on curtailment of oil and gas production  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:58:33 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Do NOT click links or open attachments from unknown sources without first confirming the message is legitimate. If you believe this to be a malicious and/or phishing email, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 512-463-7229. Do not respond to or forward the email, click on any links or open any attachments without guidance from the Help Desk

Hello,

I am writing to you as a Texan who has lived throughout the state from childhood, and has been employed in the oil and gas industry for the past two years. Advocating first and foremost as a Texan, and secondarily as someone currently in the industry, I would like to voice my concerns about the Railroad Commission's consideration to engage in a prorationing or curtailment of production statewide, or in any region. Texas, as an entity and for the good of the country at large, should remain a free market state. Prorationing penalizes efficient producers and distorts free markets, reciprocating negative impacts on the economy for years to come. In the short term, it also would give Saudi Arabia, Russia and other OPEC nations leverage over Texas in perpetuity. I appreciate consideration of my views and do not wish to testify at the scheduled meeting.

Thank you,

Matthew Kirby

9003 Indian Knoll Tr. Keller, TX 76248

(817) 996-9651

Represent self, but also an employee of Ovintiv

---

NOTICE: Effective January 24, 2020, Encana has rebranded to Ovintiv. Please update any saved contact information to reflect the new [@ovintiv.com](mailto:@ovintiv.com) email address.