

June 12, 2012

Mr. Miles Bennett  
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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality  
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**RE: Submittal of 4<sup>rd</sup> Round Responses to Technical Comments on Strata Energy's, Ross ISR Project Permit to Mine Application, TFN 5 5/217**

Dear Mr. Bennett:

On behalf of Strata Energy, thank you for your patience as we worked to respond to the two remaining comments on the Ross ISR Project Permit to Mine application. As you are well aware, we have spent a good portion of the time since receiving LQD 4<sup>th</sup> round comments responding to NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAI). We were notified by NRC on May 10, 2012 that the responses were adequate for technical review. Since submitting the responses to the RAI Strata has been working to finalize the remaining aspects of the Permit to Mine application. We have greatly appreciated LQD insight as we prepared these materials. The following provides a summary of the contents of the enclosed response package.

1. Responses to 4<sup>th</sup> round technical review comments in question and answer format.
2. Updated Adjudication File documents (described in the attached Revision Description Summary) to reflect changes in corporate structure, surface ownership and mineral title including;
  - Affidavit of Authority for Strata CEO Ralph Knode,
  - Revised Appendix A which updates the record to include Strata Energy as a surface owner for those lands formerly owned by Harry J. Berger within the permit boundary as well as Antone M. Swanda Trustee of the Swanda Family Trust as surface owner for lands formerly owned by Powder River Energy Corp,
  - New Landowner Consent Form 8 for Strata Energy and similarly, for Antone M. Swanda,
  - Revised Appendix B documents to reflect transfer of surface and mineral ownership from Harry J. Berger to Jerry A. Berger, and
  - Updated Map Exhibits 1 and 2 that spatially depict changes in surface and mineral title ownership.
3. Updates to Mine Plan Sections 4.1 and 5.1 to reflect necessary housekeeping items and a revised Section 4.3 Exempted Aquifer.

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4. An Appendix D12 comprised of a Statement of Basis and Aquifer Exemption/Reclassification support materials for WDEQ/WQD review and approval for eventual submittal to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8.
5. Preface to Reclamation Plan Addendum RP-3 providing the Incremental Bond Estimate for the period after approval of the Permit to Mine and prior to approval of the Ross ISR Project Source Materials License by the USNRC.
6. Updated Index of Change and two additional bound copies of Appendix D12 for WQD and EPA.

Again, I would like to thank LQD staff for their patience and cooperation in bringing this technical review closer to completion. Based on conversations with LQD staff, Strata believes that this limited response package should fulfill the technical requirements as provided in statute, regulation and guidance by the agency. We look forward to assisting LQD as necessary during the public notice and comment period as required by W.S. 35-11-406 (j)(k).

Feel free to contact myself or Mr. Knode at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding the enclosed response package.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

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Encl: as noted

CC: Mr. Ralph Knode, Strata Business Office (with enclosures)  
Mr. John Saxton, USNRC (without enclosures)  
Mr. James Bashor, BLM-NFO (without enclosures)  
Mr. Don Fischer, WDEQ/WQD (2 Bound Appendix D12 Copies)

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