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VIA EMAIL

Chairman Wayne Christian
Commissioner Christi Craddick
Commissioner Ryan Sitton
Texas Railroad Commission
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

IN RE: MOTION FOR COMMISSION CALLED HEARING ON THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT OF PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES U.S.A. INC. (OPERATOR NO. 665748) AND PARSLEY ENERGY INC. (OPERATOR NO. 642652) TO DETERMINE REASONABLE MARKET DEMAND FOR OIL IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Chairman Christian, Commissioner Craddick, and Commissioner Sitton,

I am writing today to support the motion of Pioneer Natural Resources and Parsley Energy to the Texas Railroad Commission to investigate market demand for oil in Texas and implement prorationing.

As an oil and gas producer in Texas, we are keenly aware of the existential threat our country and our state face due to COVID-19's impact on global demand for oil and the market-share battle between Saudi Arabia and Russia, which has led to unprecedented supply increases. We strongly believe that as the nation's leader in oil production, Texas should take the lead in offering solutions that other states and countries could also take to help bring about stability to the oil markets. By taking the lead, Texas can also inspire our nation's leaders to use all of the tools at their disposal to help stabilize this volatile situation.

Texas has always been a global leader in energy and with this important step you can help ensure we remain at the forefront in not only production, but also in being a thought leader on issues impacting the global energy economy.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter.

Regards,



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