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Delaware River Basin Commission Secretary
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Re: Stone Energy Dockets

Dear Ms. Schmitt:

I am writing to you today to comment on the Stone Energy Dockets. While Stone Energy is not drilling for natural gas in Pike County, their operations do impact Pike County through their water withdrawal request from the Lackawaxen River. (Portions of which run through the northern part of Pike County and into the Delaware River)

Pike County is committed to preserving the pristine nature and wildlife within the county. It is not only a moral obligation, but an economic obligation as well since tourism is Pike County's biggest jobs creator. The birth of Marcellus Shale drilling has brought about an economic explosion across the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. I believe this economic impact can be married properly with existing economic drivers as long as it is properly regulated and safeguarded.

Recently, senior representatives with Stone Energy met with the Board of Pike County Commissioners in a public meeting. It was a candid exchange between Pike County officials and Stone Energy. I feel it answered many questions regarding Stone Energy and the Marcellus Shale Industry. In fact, the conversation was so candid, representatives from Stone Energy fielded questions from the public that were in attendance. I saw Stone's commitment to the environment, safety, community and transparency. I hope to relay to you that commitment and that you review their docket with open eyes and a sense of what works for the DRBC and local governments. I see their commitment to the area and would enjoy building a solid relationship with Stone Energy for many years to come.

I take the task of writing this letter and sending you my thoughts and comments on this matter very seriously. As a leader of Pike County, I ask that the Delaware River Basin Commission approve the dockets submitted by Stone Energy. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Harry Forbes, Vice-Chairman
Pike County Commissioner