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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express concern regarding the current ASR proposal by the city of Wichita. Under the proposed modifications, the future of the Equus Bed aquifer is in extreme danger. The effects of the proposed changes to the original agreement are theories that have been proven to jeopardize the natural state of the aquifer. For the past three decades, water permit applications by farmers and landowners have been denied in the area due to over appropriation. It is irresponsible to assume that after decades of being told there is no more water to appropriate in the Equus Bed aquifer, without explanation, there is now enough to allocate the city of Wichita additional water rights (up to 120,000 AF). The city's proposal also fails to address the likely significant environmental impacts including chloride contamination and other potential implications not considered by the city's model. The chloride plumes surrounding the Equus Bed aquifer have not been taken into consideration with regards to the long-term destruction they will cause in the event the city of Wichita pumps voids or pockets into the aquifer or ultimately drains it. The result would be complete devastation of the farm ground and livestock that richly populate the affected area as well as irreversible salt contamination to domestic wells. The citizens' fate would no doubt ultimately be held by the city of Wichita. This stretches far beyond the city official's knowledge or grasp of reality, leaving the rural citizens vulnerable and at risk. It is our duty to show good stewardship in caring for the natural offerings of the Equus Bed aquifer. The proposal brought by the city of Wichita subtly defies this duty and creates a web of long-term implications that will ultimately destroy this natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tommy R. Logie". The signature is written in a cursive style and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

A concerned citizen