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From: Citizens for Conservation of the Equus Beds
D.Keith Jacob, 4th generation farmer of NW Sedgwick Co
To: Ronda Hutton
Re: Pending New Applications, File Nos. 48704 through 48733

Dear Madam:

I am strongly opposed to the City of Wichita proposal to use 120,000 more acre ft. from the Equus beds. I own irrigated property with irrigation well permit #30937-00 within 1000 ft of Wichita's water well that will be used to pump water above it's safe yield appropriation. This will have a negative effect on my water rights. I do not trust the Wichita Water Well municipality to stand behind their word about fixing any water complications caused by this unwarranted draw down.

In 2012 the ASR crossed my property, after negotiating the right-of-way agreement. Our agreement at the time, was this property has to be put back into the same condition as it was before the construction. The easement was agreed to and was stated it would be returned to its original grade (it was precision/laser leveled). They agreed, whatever it takes.

The severe drought of 2012, due to the construction process, blocked me from access of 17 acres of irrigated property. These acres were a complete crop failure caused by their obstruction. I filed a claim with the City of Wichita. They agreed to settle on my loss caused by this obstruction. I had to sign a waiver not to claim on this easement again. This is not anything close to "whatever it takes".

I don't trust the City of Wichita to help with irrigation wells, domestic or livestock needs after they lower the water table 15 ft as proposed. This draw down will cause many shallow wells to not pump. It would be a great expense to farmers and private water users to overcome this problem.

As a legal water right owner in the Equus bed I am metered and stay within my allotments. The City of Wichita needs to conform to the same laws as all users are required.

I am within 3/4 of a mile from this multimillion dollar recharge site. It is a ghost town. This project was presented to help the salt water contamination in Harvey County from contaminating the Equus beds. Pumping an additional 120,000 feet will not help anyone who is trying to protect the integrity of the Equus beds.

Sincerely,

D. Keith Jacob

