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Re: Comments on OCC Permanent Rulemaking OAC 165:5, Rules of Practice, Cause No. RM 201800001

Dear Commissioners Murphy, Anthony and Hiett:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule. Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a general farm organization with approximately 84,000 member-families. As the voice of agriculture in Oklahoma, OKFB represents farmers and ranchers with operations of all sizes who grow and raise crops and livestock in literally all segments of the agricultural industry, including horticulture. For those in production agriculture, their land is their livelihood and they will do what they must to protect it.

We are concerned about the proposal to these rules from the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association that would levy an \$1,000 Fee to Protest on the Conservation or Pollution Docket and an \$1,000 Fee to Appeal on the Conservation or Pollution Docket.

No farmer or rancher wants to protest or appeal on these dockets. Their first choice is to never have a problem with oil and gas related pollution on their property.

We ask that you please not allow impediments to farmers and ranchers protecting their property. We urge you to reject these two new proposed fees by OIPA and OKOGA.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Marla R. Peek
Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc: Oklahoma Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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