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Shawn and Ronalie Campbell  
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Dear Shawn and Ronalie Campbell:

Thank you for your November 21, 2011 email to Premier Redford and members of the Alberta Legislature regarding your ongoing concerns related to the presence of gas in your water well. The Premier has reviewed your concerns and asked me to respond on behalf of the Alberta government.

I understand the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) has previously conducted extensive testing of several water wells, including yours, and a number of energy wells in the vicinity of your water well. I also understand that, to date, the testing has not found any direct link between the gases present in your water well and the energy wells examined. The ERCB has provided me with a copy of its December 3, 2010 correspondence to you outlining the results of this previous testing. The ERCB has also provided its third party consultant reports and its December 7, 2011 letter to you in response to your most recent emails and correspondence.

Having reviewed your letters and emails and the ERCB's correspondence, it appears the ERCB has made significant efforts to determine whether the gas present in your water well comes from nearby energy wells. I understand your concern about the most recent test results that indicate elevated levels of hydrocarbon gases and hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in your water well. However, I also understand that the testing conducted to date has not established any link between the gases in your water well and energy wells in your area.

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The ERCB has assured me they are committed to continue testing your water well for the next two to five years and also intends to conduct specific testing designed to focus on the increased levels of H<sub>2</sub>S that have been recently found in your water well. I recommend you permit the ERCB to continue its work and testing so that it can attempt to determine whether the energy wells in your area are the source of the gas in your water well.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Morton', written in a cursive style.

Ted Morton  
Minister of Energy

cc: Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC  
Premier

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Enclosures