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To the Honorable Commission:

The Providers of Public Goods always “rightly” argue that their customers (the Public) demand affordability and reliability above all else. That may be; but only because we (the Public) “wrongly” assume that the protection of our natural environment is a given. In other words, at its base, we demand that affordability include common sense environmental safeguards. Instead of balancing environmental costs (irreversible destruction and/or pollution of waterways) against affordability, we must set a baseline to protect ourselves from known environmental atrocities. It would indeed be an atrocity to allow medium and large hog factories to foul the Buffalo River Watershed.

I urge the Commission to establish a permanent ban on any future medium and large hog factories in the Buffalo River Watershed. Set a common sense baseline that prudently protects the Buffalo River Watershed and our other natural resources. Thank you.

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