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Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Attn: Matt Lepore, Director
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Exception Location Request
Pinto 1-7
2,832' FSL and 2,840' FEL
Lot 11, Section 7, T39N, R19W
Dolores County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Lepore,

DJ Simmons, Inc. (DJS) requests the Director's approval per Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) rule 318.c regarding the proposed non-standard footage location pursuant to COGCC order 231-2.

DJS plans to drill the Pinto 1-7 oil well at the above referenced location to the Upper Ismay/Desert Creek formations at approximately 6,325 feet. Bottom hole location will be the same. This well is 2,832 feet from the south line and 2,840 feet from the east line of Section 7, T39N, R19W, placing the well location approximately 176 feet to the adjacent lease line to the east which will not be in compliance with COGCC Order 231-2 requiring wells be located no closer than 990 feet from quarter section lines.

Regarding the non-standard location of the proposed Pinto 1-7 location:

After working with the fee surface owners in regards to an optimal well location to avoid impacting possible future agricultural activities and reduce the visible impacts, as well as placing the wellhead in a geologically suitable location, DJS has proposed to place the well at this location. DJS also holds the adjacent Federal Leases and operates the surrounding wells (see attached Lease Map and BLM Approved Non-Standard Location Waiver signed by John Pecor, Acting Mineral Staff Chief – Tres Rios Field Office). DJS surveyed the proposed well bore and footages are reflected on attached revised plat dated December 18, 2012. If you have no objection to DJS, drilling this well at said location please indicate by signing this letter and return it to my attention.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 326-3753.

Sincerely

Chris S. Lopez
Regulatory Specialist

Signature

Typed Name:

Title:

Date: