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COGCC  
ATTN: Matt LePore, Director  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 810  
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RE: Request for Exception Location  
Elm Ridge Exploration, IGW 154 well  
SW/4NW4 Sec. 15, T33N, R9W  
La Plata County, Colorado

Dear Mr. LePore,

Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC proposes to drill the subject well under Spacing Order 112-195 on an existing well pad in order to minimize surface disturbance...

The Surface Use Agreement dated July 5, 2007 requires the wellhead to be located 1658 feet from the North section line and 1000 feet from the West section line.

There is home being used as a residence on this same tract. This Building Unit may be less than 500' from the described wellhead location. The Surface owner will not grant permission for a survey crew to access the vicinity of the existing building unit to determine the exact distance.

Due to rule changes effective August 1, 2014, this Building Unit may now lie within an Exception zone under Rule 604.a.(1)A.

There is also another building unit owned by Susan Mills within the 1000' Buffer Zone.

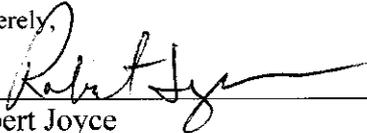
Due to the Surface Damage Agreement and Release having been executed effective July 5, 2007, this well location meets the criteria under Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013).

A waiver from the surface owner has been requested and denied.

Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC respectfully requests that an exception to setback distance requirements be granted under Rule 604.b.(1)A and Rule 604.b.(2).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Robert Joyce

Agent: Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC