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March 14, 2018

Sent via email
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Colorado State Land Board
Attn: Steve Freese
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Interim Reclamation Written Consent
T8N-67W-S36 SW/4
Canadian Slang Well Pad
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Freese:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on March 9th, Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation (“Enerplus”) is requesting written consent from the Colorado State Land Board (“SLB”) to delay interim reclamation until completion of the remaining three (3) wells permitted at the Enerplus Canadian Slang Pad can be completed. Please be advised that this pad was originally permitted with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) under the name Colorado Craft Pad. The Surface Use Agreement with the SLB is noted as OT 110937 and is located in the SW/4, Section 36, Township 8N, Range 67W.

Enerplus has completed and is currently producing the first well from this pad (Maple 8-67-26-25C, API #05-123-44539). This acreage for Enerplus is highly prospective and the wells on this pad are critical for assessing the productivity in this area. Enerplus is committed to this asset, but will be drilling wells from additional drilling units in 2018 and 2019 to both assess the productivity in the northern extension of the DJ Basin. Enerplus is also sensitive to concerns the SLB has expressed regarding delayed interim reclamation. Enerplus has fully complied with COGCC regulations regarding construction of the pad, installation of adequate stormwater controls and preservation of topsoil. The topsoil pile has been preserved per COGCC requirements and re-seeding took place for all disturbed areas around the pad and lease road last spring not currently used for operations. Appropriate seed mixes were used and vegetation has begun regrowth. Additional seeding may take place this spring where conditions warrant it.

To address SLB concerns, Enerplus is requesting delayed interim reclamation for a one (1) year period, much shorter than the allowable five (5) years per COGCC regulations and guidance. Enerplus must submit the request for delayed interim reclamation to COGCC by April 2nd. **To this end, Enerplus is respectfully requesting the SLB consent to delayed interim reclamation for one (1) year from the date of this letter for the Canadian Slang Pad (COGCC Location ID: 449800) by signing below.** Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you should

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have any further questions or require further information, please contact Sean Gallagher, Senior Landman at 720-279-5562 or Scott Mason, Environmental Programs Lead at 720-279-5581.

Sincerely,



Sean Gallagher
Senior Landman, US Operations

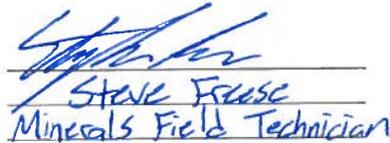
Accepted and Agreed to this 3rd day of March, 2018

Colorado State Land Board

By:

Name:

Title:



Steve Feuse
Minerals Field Technician