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November 1, 2004

Ritchey Land & Cattle Co., Inc.
13821 Sable Blvd.
Brighton, CO 80601



Re: Notice of Drilling Operations
Ritchey H 27-4 and 27-5 Wells
Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 27: NW/4NW/4, SW/4NW/4
Weld County, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 305.b.(1) of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, Patina Oil & Gas Corporation ("Patina") hereby gives notice to you that it intends to commence operations for the drilling of a well or wells for oil and/or gas on the referenced lands no sooner than December 1, 2004, unless the notice requirement is waived by you as Surface Owner.

Prior to commencing these operations, we would like to consult with you concerning the proposed oil and gas operations and the location of roads, production facilities, well site and other matters. The person who will be available to meet with you is Roger Lowe, who may be contacted at our Platteville Office number (970) 785-0352 or (303) 939-8585 (Denver line). The well location will be staked before the consultation and a Patina representative will be contacting you to discuss the proposed operations and to arrange a consultation, if you request a consultation. Enclosed is a postage prepaid postcard for you to request the consultation. In accordance with Rule 305 as surface owner you have the responsibility for notifying any tenant farmer, lessee or other party that may own or have an interest in any crops or surface improvements that could be affected by these proposed operations. If you wish to appoint such tenant farmer for the consultation, please show the name, address and telephone number in the space provided on the postcard.

Attached is a plat illustrating the area under applicable Commission rules or orders within which the proposed well may be located and the proposed location of the well. The location and dimensions of the drillsite, the production facilities, flowlines, access roads and other areas to be used in the operations will be finalized during the consultation.

If you request a consultation, it must occur prior to the commencement of operations with heavy equipment on the referenced lands. We respectfully request that you fill out the postcard and return it to us as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Rule 305.c.(6), enclosed please find a copy of the COGCC'S brochure describing surface owner rights and responsibilities.

Very truly yours,

PATINA OIL & GAS CORPORATION

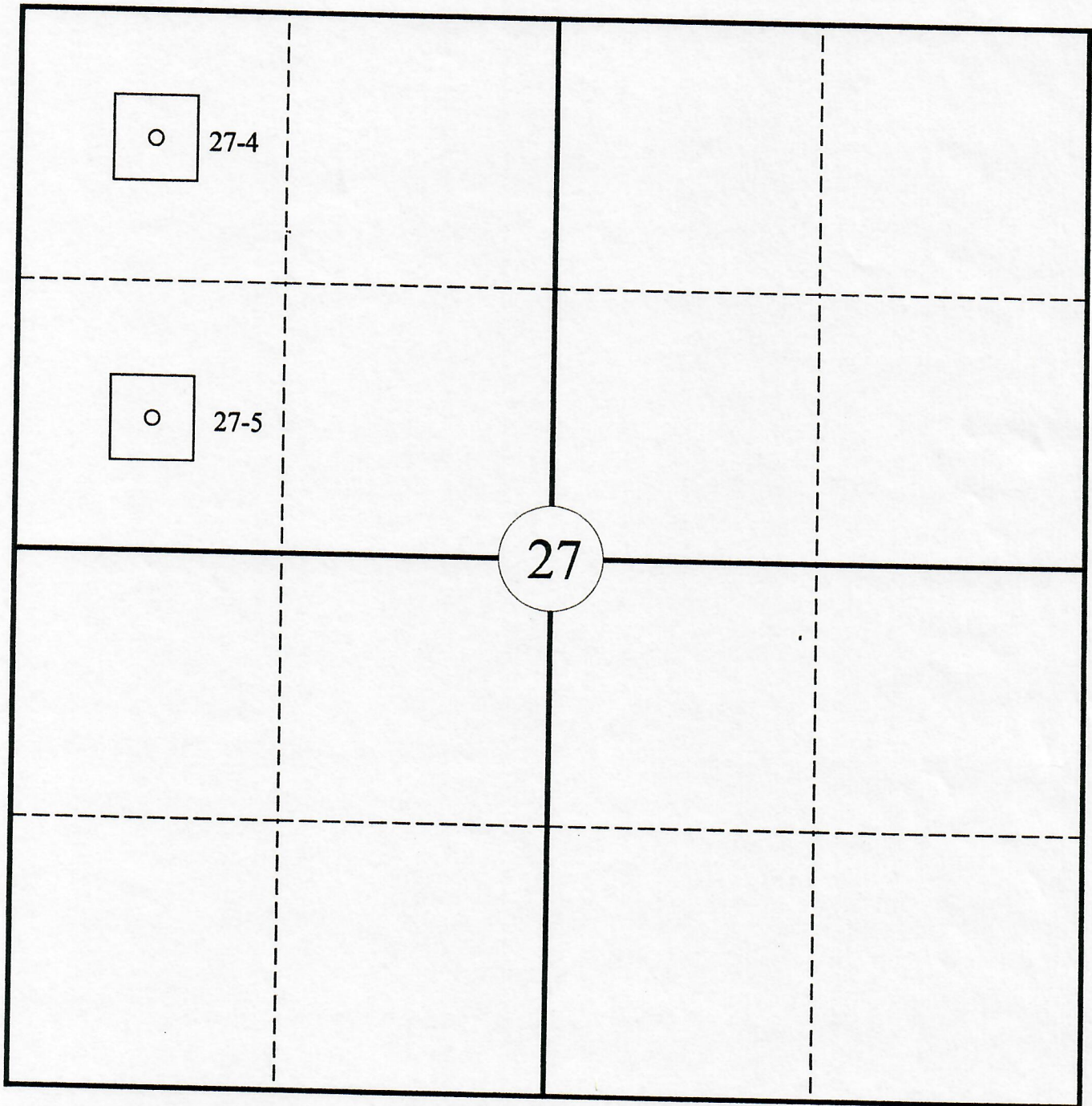


Debra Allen-Wittke
Landman

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Enclosures

cc: Roger Lowe
Clerk to Board of County Commissioners
Bea Steele
Kathryn Portus

**RITCHEY H 27-4
RITCHEY H 27-5
SECTION 27 - TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH - RANGE 65 WEST
OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO**



○ PROPOSED WELL LOCATION

□ COGCC DRILLING WINDOW

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