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Brian Macke, Director
 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
 Denver, CO 80203



RE: West Padroni Field Exception Locations
 Sec. 31-T10N-R52W & Sec. 6-T9N-R52W
 Logan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Macke:

Meritage Energy Partners, LLC hereby respectfully requests a variance under Rule 502.b for the following four exception well locations:

Dickinson #6, 690' FSL, 2417' FWL (SESW) Sec. 6-9N-52W
 Fluharty #2, 1600' FSL, 2000' FEL (NWSE) Sec. 6-9N-52W
 Sindt #14, 1160' FSL, 2180' FWL (SESW) Sec. 31-10N-52W
 Sindt #13, 481' FSL, 1469' FWL (SESW) Sec. 31-10N-52W

Meritage Energy Partners, LLC is the only offsetting working interest owner to these locations. The mineral interest owners were notified by letter dated November 9, 2004 of the proposed exception locations. We have received the written consent of 98.2% of the mineral interest owners within our pooled unit and I have enclosed copies of such consents herewith. In addition, I enclose copies of the letters sent to the remaining two mineral interest owners that comprise the 1.8% that has not responded to Meritage's request for consent to the exception locations. Second requests for waivers were sent via fax to the non-responding owners, but to date we have not received a reply or an objection.

If the results of the drilling of the four wells listed above are successful, Meritage Energy Partners, LLC intends to make application to the Commission for fieldwide downspacing prior to submitting additional applications for permits to drill.

Please contact me at 720-932-0220, ext. 19 if you have any questions or if you should need any further information in this regard. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Deimer".

Rhonda Deimer
 Land Administration Manager

Enclosures

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