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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.

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,

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