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To: [Ash, Margaret](#)
Cc: [Baldwin, Debbie](#); [Kerr, Thom](#); [Ellsworth, Stuart](#)
Subject: RE: Surface Owner Waivers - 502.b Variance
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011 1:11:47 PM

Unless one of the other managers comes forward with an objection or concern by the close of business tomorrow, Friday, I approve the requested variance for the reasons stated in your email.
Thanks, Dave

From: Ash, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:03 AM
To: Neslin, David
Cc: Baldwin, Debbie; Kerr, Thom; Ellsworth, Stuart; Neslin, David
Subject: Surface Owner Waivers - 502.b Variance

502.b. Variance Requests a Surface Owner Waiver for certain parts of Rule 1004.a. - Final Reclamation for their operations in Huerfano county

Operator: Petroglyph Energy Inc.
Location: Huerfano County

**1. Variance: Leave lease road
#2215376 - Rohr Wells in Sections 4,5,8,9 T29,SR67W**

July 1, 2011 Petroglyph met with landowners for final reclamation consultation as required under 306.e. At that meeting the land owner requested that the lease road left "as is" and that it not be reclaimed. The land owners have stated that the road provided improved access for their ranching operations.

The remaining reclamation requirements will be completed.

Recommendation: Approve variance request.

The road is well stabilized and leaving it in place will not create impact to public health safety welfare or the environment. Use of the current road instead of the landowner creating a new one or using other access points could actually cause more surface impacts.

Petroglyph and the land owner have reached a formal agreement on this issue and it is on file with COGCC.

**2. Variance: Leave lease road in place and keeping well pads flat
#2215375 - State wells in Section 36, T28S,R67W**

On June 8, 2011 Petroglyph conducted a final reclamation consultation with the landowner as required under Rule 306.e. At the meeting Kit Page, District Manager with State Land Board, requested that certain lease roads be left as is and that well pads be left flat instead of being re-contoured. Mr. Page believes the leaving the roads as is improves access for ranching operations and that leaving the pads flat will increase grass growth for better grazing. All other final reclamation tasks will be completed.

Recommendation: Approve Variance request

The road is well stabilized and leaving it in place will not create impact to public health safety welfare or the environment. Mr. Page is experienced with land use and range management so his plans to increase grass growth by leaving pads flat should be acceptable.

Petroglyph and the land owner have reached a formal agreement on this issue and it will be filed and indexed to the various wells.

3. Variance: Leave lease road in place

#2215375 - Martinez Wells in Sections 5,6, 7, 12, T29, R67W, 8 T29S 66W

On May 28, 2011 Petroglyph conducted a final reclamation consultation as required under 306.e with the landowner. At that meeting the land owner requested that the lease road left "as is" and that it not be reclaimed. The land owners have stated that the road provided improved access for their ranching operations.

All other reclamation requirements will be completed.

Recommendation: Approve variance request.

The road is well stabilized and leaving it in place will not create impact to public health safety welfare or the environment. Use of the current road instead of the landowner creating a new one or using other access points could actually cause more surface impacts.

Petroglyph and the land owner have reached a formal agreement on this issue and it is on file with COGCC.

4. Variance: Leave lease road in place

#2215374 - Anselmo Wells in Sections 7, 12, T29,R67W, 8 T29S 66W

On May 28, 2011 Petroglyph conducted a final reclamation consultation as required under 306.e with the landowner. At that meeting the land owner requested that the lease road left "as is" and that it not be reclaimed. The land owners have stated that the road provided improved access for their ranching operations. The land owner is also requesting that the well pad at the Anselmo 18-03 and 18-04 locations be left flat for improved grazing.

The landowner requests that well pads to enhance grazing operations.

All other reclamation requirements will be completed.

Recommendation: Approve variance request.

The road is well stabilized and leaving it in place will not create impact to public health safety welfare or the environment. Use of the current road instead of the landowner creating a new one or using other access points for ranching could actually cause more surface impacts.

The well pads are re-vegetated currently and leaving them flat will not impact public health safety welfare or the environment.

Petroglyph and the land owner have reached a formal agreement on this issue and it is on file with

COGCC.

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