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Mr. David Neslin, Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln St., Ste 801
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Re: Document No. 2583777 – Form 2 - Heinze 31-14
Document No. 2583775 – Form 2A – Heinze 31-24 – Amendment
Rule 303.I.(2) – Special circumstances for permit issuance without notice

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Great Western Oil and Gas Co., LLC (GWOG) respectfully requests consideration of permit issuance without notice for the Heinze 31-14 well location.

During the week of August 9, 2010, GWOG began preparations prior to the start of our drilling program at the Heinze lease. We found the permitted surface location of Heinze 31-14, API #05-123-29745, was under several feet of water. The location had turned into a small pond due to the heavy spring and summer rains. We determined the surface location should be moved to the Heinze 31-24 well location pad and drilled directionally, in order to keep the wellhead and future operations out of the wet area. Documentation to accommodate this change was submitted on August 18, 2010.

We spud the first well in our Heinze program (Heinze 31-43) on August 19th. We are drilling six wells on this lease, five of which are vertical. We spud the 3rd well on August 30th. The fourth well is to be spud on or about September 2nd, with the fifth well, the Heinze 31-24 vertical well, to be spud on or about September 7th. The Heinze 31-14 directional well is scheduled to follow immediately on or about September 10th as the 6th and final well on this lease.

If we do not have an approved permit for the Heinze 31-14 well location on or about September 10th, we will either incur standby charges for the rig at \$15,000/day or we will have to move off the Heinze lease to our next planned location and return to the Heinze 31-14 once the permit is approved; which will cost GWOG +/- \$30,000 in re-mobilization expenses. Because we are drilling the Heinze 31-14 from the Heinze 31-24 location, we would also be unable to complete the Heinze 31-24 well until the Heinze 31-14 is drilled, due to safety considerations. This would cost GWOG in production / cash flow and early return on investment for the Heinze 31-14 and 31-24 wells.

Per Rule 303.I.(2); Great Western Oil and Gas Co., LLC hereby swears that due to exigent circumstances, we will experience significant economic hardship as described above if the permit for the Heinze 31-14 well is not received on or about September 10, 2010.

Our request is for the issuance of the drilling permit without the complete notification period requirement for the new surface location of the Heinze 31-14 (doc. 2583777), along with the approval of the amended location assessment for the Heinze 31-24 which describes the multi-well pad (doc. 2583775). Please be advised that the surface owner is aware of drilling operations that are occurring and has waived his 30-day notification per the SUA. The local government designee, Bruce T. Barker, Weld County Attorney, has agreed to waive the notification period as well. His waiver is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Regards,

A blue ink signature of Jeff Reale, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Jeff Reale
Vice President Operations

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