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Subject: Rule 502.b, Final Reclamation Variance Request  
Lansing D Sand Unit (LDSU) 401, API 05-009-06515  
Located NE NW Section 12, Township 35 South, Range 46 West, Baca, CO

Dear Director

The subject well was drilled and completed in 1992. The well was plugged March 2015. To date, all equipment has been removed, gravel has been removed from the well and tank battery sites, the location has been leveled/contoured. The location is ready to have top soil spread on it and grass seed sown.

This letter is a request to waive the reclamation of the LDSU 401 access road. The landowners, Fred and Earl Tanner, both live close to the well site. Fred lives approximately 600 feet to the SW and Earl lives approximately 680 feet NW of the well site (please see attached satellite photo). Their home sites and improvements are the central location of their ranching operations. During Murfin's on site consultation with Earl Tanner, Earl requested we leave the road "as is" to enhance ranch access in their ranching operations.


The access road starts at County Road C 3/10 and traverses almost straight west to the LDSU 401 well site. The road that traverses from the northwest corner of the well site southwest to the ranch house/improvements, is an established ranch road and has never been used by Murfin's employees, contractors or vendors. The established ranch road is not a part of the oil and gas facilities.

Leaving the LDSU 401 access road "as is" will not negatively impact the public health, safety and welfare. The access road is well established and stable. It is located in a remote part of south east Colorado (1.5 miles north of the Oklahoma border in Baca County). The population of Baca County is 4,517 people of which 1,451 live in Springfield, CO (county seat 28 miles north). The nearest community is Campo, CO (6 miles north, population 109). The access road has no signs of erosion and it is weed free. Leaving the road "as is" will allow an alternate and shorter route from US Highway 287, thus giving emergency vehicles a shorter alternate route to the ranch house. If the access road was reclaimed it would have to be ripped and cultivated, thus possibly

disturbing small burrowing animals established along the road. Reclaiming the access road would also create a short term risk of air pollution from dust.

Your consideration of waiving the reclamation of the access road is appreciated. Leaving the access road "as-is" will assist the landowner(s) in their ranch operations and will not negatively impact the public health, safety and welfare.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas C. Melland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent part.

Tom Melland  
Production Engineer





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