



380 Airport Road  
Durango, Colorado 81303

January 26, 2016

Mr. Matthew Lepore  
Director, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Request for Variance from Rule 603.a.(1), Rule 605.a.(3), and Rule 605.b.(5) for the Proposed Anderson C 2 and Anderson C 3 Wells

Dear Mr. Lepore,

Pursuant to Rule 502.b., BP is respectfully requesting a variance to the requirements of Rule 603.a.(1), Rule 605.a.(3), and Rule 605.b.(5). The two proposed wells, Anderson C 2 and Anderson C 3 and associated well pad equipment are less than 200 feet from a building/building unit in conflict with the subject rule. The building unit that is less than 200 feet from the proposed wellheads, tanks and fired vessels is on the property for which BP has a signed surface use agreement. In Section A.(4) Setback of Building from BP Well Facilities, it is written that “Landowner waives any and all setback standards to similar requirements under any applicable state regulation or County or other local code, with respect to the residential structures currently existing on the Property.” It also states that any future structures that the landowner should build shall maintain a minimum distance of 200 feet from the wells or associated equipment and facilities. As described below, the landowner specifically requested this location that is in close proximity to their home. An exhibit is attached showing the distances from equipment to the buildings within 200’.

Several factors were considered in the placement of the pad including years-long negotiations with multiple landowners in the area. The landowner with whom BP obtained a surface use agreement for this pad insisted that the pad must not hinder his agricultural enterprise and so the landowner restricted the location of the pad to an area that is not being used for cultivating hay. Location of the pad is also dependent on the ability to reach the bottom hole locations for each of the wells accommodated on this pad.

The owner of the building unit within 200 feet of the wellheads and equipment will be given the option for BP to relocate them to a hotel for the times that drilling and completions operations are active. The rig that will be used during these operations is 77 feet high.

Thank you for considering BP’s request for Rule 502.b variance. Should you have any additional questions, please contact me at (970) 375-7511.

Sincerely,

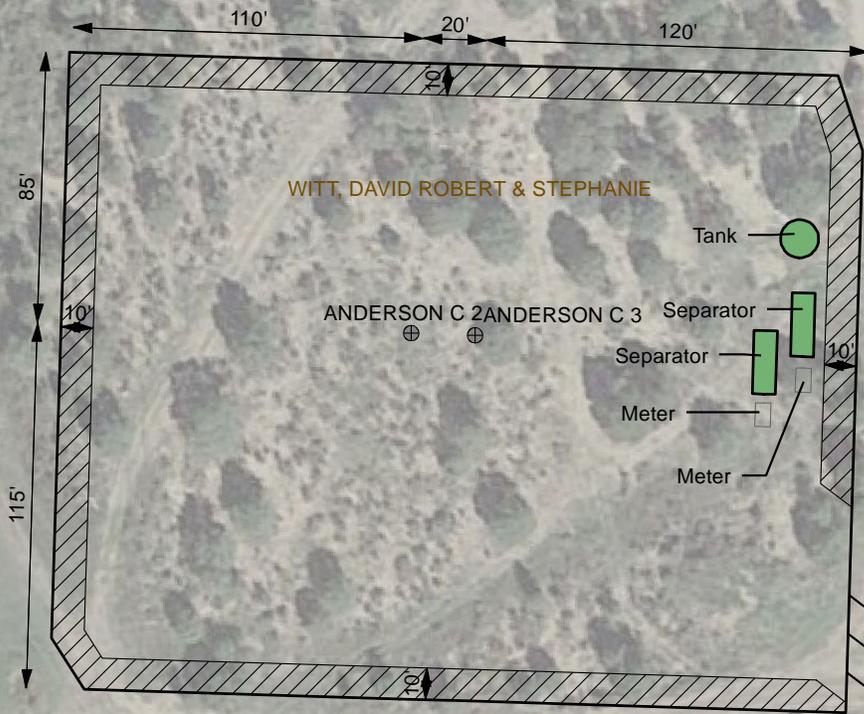
*Naomi Azulai*

Naomi Azulai  
Well Permitting Analyst – BP America Production Company, L48

Attachment: Distances Exhibit  
Surface Use Agreement with Landowner

# ANDERSON C 2 & 3

Distances to Home:  
 Anderson C2 Wellhead - 166'  
 Anderson C3 Wellhead - 162'  
 Tank - 132'  
 Separator - 153'  
 Separator - 161'



Distances to Out-Building:  
 Anderson C2 Wellhead - 236'  
 Anderson C3 Wellhead - 216'  
 Tank - 114'  
 Separator - 110'  
 Separator - 121'

WAGNER, JACOB B & GARNER, MONICA Y

Distances to Home:  
 Anderson C2 Wellhead - 296'  
 Anderson C3 Wellhead - 280'  
 Tank - 230'  
 Separator - 201'  
 Separator - 202'

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- ⊕ Proposed Well
- Pad
- ▨ Reclaim



6/3/2016



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**SURFACE USE AGREEMENT  
Anderson C 2 and Anderson C 3**

This Surface Use Agreement ("Agreement") is effective the 5<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2015 ("Effective Date"), between David Robert Witt and Stephanie Witt ("Landowner" whether one or more), with a mailing address of 10658 State Highway 172, Ignacio, CO 81137 and BP America Production Company, a Delaware corporation, ("BP") with an office at 380 Airport Road, Durango, Colorado 81303. Landowner and BP are sometimes referenced in the Agreement individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

Landowner owns the surface estate in a tract of land in La Plata County, Colorado, more particularly described as ("Property"):

The W1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M. and the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.

BP is the owner of certain rights in one or more oil and gas leases underlying the Property and is the operator of the Anderson C Unit ("Unit"). The Property is located wholly or partially within the Unit boundaries and BP has plans to drill Unit wells, the Anderson C 2 and Anderson C 3 ("Well"), from a surface location on the Property.

Landowner and BP have engaged in a discussion of BP's plan for the drilling and operation of the Well on the Property, and the Parties now desire to enter into this Agreement principally in order to clarify BP's plan.

In consideration of the promise by BP to pay a certain sum of money to Landowner (the amount of which is set forth in a side letter agreement) to be paid at the time of construction and in consideration of the covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

**A. Landowner Matters:**

1. Monetary Payment. Landowner agrees that the recited payment constitutes (i) full payment for all current and future surface damages that may occur to the Property as a result of BP's operations and (ii) consideration for any rights granted herein by Landowner.
2. Landowner Use of Drillsite. BP will have exclusive use of the Drillsite, as defined below, at all times. Landowner shall not use the Drillsite for storage, access or any other purpose.
3. Permission to Raise, Move and Install Utility Lines. Landowner hereby grants permission for La Plata Electric Association ("LPEA") to raise, move and install utility lines on the Property if and when requested by BP in connection with the Well. Landowner agrees to execute utility easements provided by LPEA as may be requested in order to comply with this provision.
4. Setback of Buildings from BP Well Facilities. Landowner agrees to comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to distance setbacks between the Well and Well facilities, any future homes, buildings (including portable buildings) and other habitable structures located on the Property. Regardless of such setback distance requirements, Landowner agrees that all such future structures will be located a minimum distance of at least 200 feet away from the Well and any of the associated wellhead equipment, pipelines and facilities. Landowner waives any and all setback standards or similar requirements under any applicable state regulation or County or other local code, with respect to residential structures currently existing on the Property.
5. Waiver of Notice and Consultation. Landowner waives the right to receive any notices set forth in COGCC Rule 305, and Landowner further waives the right to the Drilling Consultation set forth in COGCC Rule 306.a. Landowner acknowledges the receipt from BP of the information brochure for surface owners described in the COGCC Rules. Landowner acknowledges and agrees that BP has complied with all notice and consultation requirements of COGCC Rules 305 and 306. Landowner also waives the right to receive notices under any applicable County or other local code, in connection with the matters addressed in this Agreement.

6. Landowner Use of Property. Landowner acknowledges that this Agreement is deemed to fully satisfy any obligation of BP to accommodate, whether under statute or common law, Landowner's use or legally potential use of the surface of the Property.

**B. BP Matters:**

1. Drillsite. BP estimates that the surface area that will actually be disturbed for the drill site of the Well ("Drillsite") will be up to approximately 2.4 acres. The Drillsite will be located approximately as shown on attached Exhibit "A".
2. Excess Material. BP may store material (e.g., soil and gravel) excavated from the Property on the Drillsite to be used for construction and reclamation of the Drillsite. BP also may import material from off of the Property for construction and reclamation of the Drillsite. After constructing the Drillsite, should BP determine that there is material in excess of what is required for reclamation and which can reasonably be stored on the Drillsite, then BP may deliver said excess material to a location on the Property that is mutually acceptable to BP and Landowner. Any such excess material so delivered shall become the sole responsibility of Landowner, and BP shall have no further responsibility for said excess material. Should a mutually acceptable location on the Property not be found, then BP may remove such excess material from the Property.
3. Firewood. Should BP cut down or trim any trees on the Property during its operations and should Landowner so desire, BP will cut wood greater than 4 inches in diameter into firewood ranging from 12 to 18 inches in length and place such firewood in a pile (not stacked) just off of the Drillsite, road or pipeline route, as BP deems appropriate for Landowner's use. In BP's sole discretion, it may purchase firewood to satisfy the foregoing firewood obligation. All wood less than 4 inches in diameter will be chipped and spread on the Drillsite, access road, reclamation areas or pipeline route, as BP deems appropriate. Firewood will not in any case be split for the Landowner. Any such wood not requested to be cut into firewood by Landowner will be buried or chipped and spread on the Drillsite, access road, reclamation areas or pipeline route, as BP deems appropriate.
4. Survey Plats. Upon Landowner's request in writing, BP will provide to Landowner a copy of any survey plat obtained by BP depicting the Drillsite or any access roads, pipelines or facilities on the Property.
5. Recording of Agreement. BP may record this Agreement in the records of La Plata County, Colorado. BP may also, in its sole discretion and without the joinder of Landowner, execute and record from time to time written declarations with accompanying survey plats, and any amendments to same, for the purpose of locating and describing the Drillsite, access roads, pipelines and other Well facilities.
6. Maintenance and Repair of Access Roads. BP will reasonably maintain any existing roads that are used by BP on the Property in their pre-existing condition or better, in BP's sole discretion. BP will maintain any new roads that may be constructed by BP on the Property to BP's standards. BP will make all necessary repairs to the roads caused by BP's use. However, BP will not be required to snow plow or otherwise clear any road of snow.
7. Burial of Pipelines. BP will, to the extent reasonably practicable, bury all water and gas pipelines to a minimum depth of 36 inches below the surface at the time of installation, unless subsurface conditions such as rock prohibit the installation of the line to that depth at a reasonable cost.
8. Reclamation.
  - a. Initial Construction. After the drilling and completion of the Well, and the construction of any associated facilities such as the well pad, access roads and pipelines, those areas of land that BP will not use for continuing production operations will be reclaimed as required in applicable rules and regulations. Reclamation will be performed within a reasonable amount

of time after completion and first delivery of the Well and construction of any associated facilities, recognizing practical limitations of weather and season. BP does not guaranty seed germination.

- b. Subsequent Surface Disturbance. All subsequent disturbances by BP to areas reclaimed under the preceding paragraph will be similarly reclaimed by BP within a reasonable amount of time, recognizing practical limitations of weather and season.
  - c. Final Abandonment. Any areas disturbed by BP, and which are required to be reclaimed, will be reclaimed by BP in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, unless Landowner desires that the roads and Drillsite remain in their then present condition and regulatory approval for same is obtained.
9. Indemnification. BP agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Landowner harmless from and against any and all expenses, losses or damages resulting from or relating to BP's operation and maintenance of the Well, facilities, access roads and pipelines; provided, however, BP will not indemnify, defend and hold Landowner harmless from such expenses, losses or damages to the extent resulting from or relating to, in whole or in part, the negligence or willful misconduct of Landowner or Landowner's employees, contractors, guests or invitees.
10. Temporary Parking. Landowner agrees that during times of construction or other significant work, BP may park vehicles in areas near the work site or along roads.

**C. General Provisions:**

1. Term. This Agreement is effective as of the Effective Date and will continue until (i) all oil and gas leases underlying the Unit expire, (ii) production from the Well and any additional wells producing from the Unit have permanently ceased and are permanently plugged and abandoned, (iii) any compressor on the Property is no longer being used and (iv) any Salt Water Disposal well in the Unit has ceased being used and is plugged and abandoned. After expiration, BP will have a reasonable period of time within which to remove such Well equipment and facilities from the Property as it deems appropriate or as required by applicable rules and regulations.
2. No Waiver of Other Rights. With the exception of those duties and obligations that each Party has specifically agreed to assume and perform in this Agreement, those duties and obligations which have been confirmed or clarified in this Agreement and the rights specifically granted to, waived or relinquished by a Party in this Agreement, this Agreement will not be construed to waive or relinquish any Party's legal rights in, to or under the Property, including but not limited to rights of access or other reasonable surface use, now owned or hereafter acquired by a Party under any oil and gas lease or other agreement or instrument pertaining to the Property. Nor does this Agreement, subject to the foregoing exceptions, waive the rights of either Party under any applicable laws, rules or regulations pertaining to the Property.
3. No Application to Other Wells. The rights, duties and obligations of the Parties and other confirmatory or clarifying matters regarding the Well and its related facilities in this Agreement pertain only to the Well, except that roads, pipelines and facilities may be utilized for other wells. This Agreement is not intended to, and will not be interpreted to, apply to any other well that may now be located or hereafter be drilled within the Unit, whether or not located on the Property. Each Party retains all of his/her/its legal rights with respect to such other well or wells, including, but not limited to, those legal rights referenced in the preceding paragraph.
4. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. In

addition, BP and any successor Well Operator may assign this Agreement to successive Operators of the Well. Assignment of this Agreement by either Party will act to terminate the assigning Party's duties, obligations and liabilities under this Agreement from and after the date that the non-assigning Party receives a true copy of the assignment, with the exception of any indemnity or monetary obligations accruing prior to such date.

5. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be interpreted under the laws of the state of Colorado.
6. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the final agreement, clarifications and confirmations of the Parties as to the matters addressed, and supersedes any and all prior oral or written negotiations, understandings and agreements regarding the Well and its related facilities, roads and pipelines. Except with respect to matters described below, this Agreement may not be modified unless the modification is in writing and is signed by Landowner and an authorized representative of BP.
7. Further Assurance. The Parties agree, at any time and from time to time, upon the reasonable request of either Party and without additional payment, to take or do all such further acts and things, and furnish and deliver all such further documentation and material (including any document or instrument requested by local, state or federal authorities) which, in the opinion of the requesting Party, may be necessary or useful in carrying out the purposes of this Agreement.
8. Regulatory Conditions. If BP is required by any regulatory agency as a condition of approval to either change the location of the well to be drilled or the configuration of the Drillsite, Landowner agrees that BP may unilaterally amend this agreement to conform to the new location(s) and/or configuration(s) as approved by the regulatory agency.
9. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more original counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Electronically scanned or facsimile copies are acceptable.
10. Side Letter Agreement. This Agreement is subject to the terms of a Side Letter Agreement ("SLA") dated NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2015, by and between Landowner and BP the terms of which are fully incorporated herewith.

This Agreement is executed by the Parties on the dates appearing in the acknowledgements below, but this Agreement is effective as of the Effective Date.

**Landowner**

By: David Robert Witt

David Robert Witt

By: Stephanie Witt

Stephanie Witt

**BP America Production Company**

By: Debra Bacon

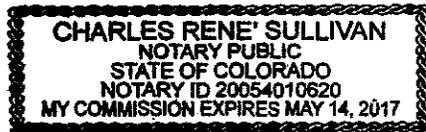
Debra Bacon, Attorney-In-Fact *km*

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF LA PLATA )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015,  
by David Robert Witt.

My commission expires: May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Charles Rene Sullivan  
Notary Public

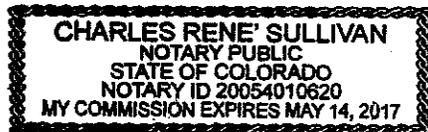


STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF LA PLATA )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015,  
by Stephanie Witt.

My commission expires: May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Charles Rene Sullivan  
Notary Public



Colorado  
STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ )  
 La Plata ) ss  
COUNTY OF ~~HARRIS~~ )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015,  
by Debra Bacon, Attorney-In-Fact for BP America Production Company, a Delaware  
corporation.

My commission expires: June 30, 2016

Tiffany D. Springer  
Notary Public

