

October 11, 2016



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

Re: 502.b Variance, COGCC Rule 1003.b.
Document # 401127769

Director Lepore:

Carrizo (Niobrara) LLC ("Carrizo") requests a variance under Rule 502.b to Rule 1003.b. requirements for certain previously disturbed land described in more detail below, which Carrizo is not currently using. Attached is a Form 4 Sundry Notice, which the Commission may use to approve this variance request. Carrizo requests a variance from the timing requirements of Rule 1003.b for the following the previously disturbed land ("Variance Area"):

Carrizo Niobrara LLC, WCR 100 Group 14-11-8-61, Location ID-425364, NW/4 NW/4 , Sec-14 T-8N, R-61W

Carrizo requests a variance from the requirements to conduct interim reclamation actions in the Variance Area for a period of three (3) years. Currently, there is one producing well on the Variance Area and Carrizo plans to drill and complete additional wells. However, the subsequent drilling and completions activities will likely not occur for up to five years. Rule 1003.b requires areas no longer in use and those areas that will not have subsequent activities within the next 12 months be reclaimed within three months on cropland and six months on non-cropland. Due to Carrizo's planned future use of the Variance Area, completing interim reclamation of these areas, according to the requirements of Rule 1003.b., is economically inefficient.

To ensure adequate protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the environment Carrizo has completed the following actions (1) Removed all oil and gas equipment from all access roads and locations within the Variance Area; (2) Removed all trash and debris belonging to Carrizo and its agents from the Variance Area. Additionally, Carrizo will routinely inspect the location for spills and releases, and to conduct general housekeeping. Also, Carrizo will continue to comply with Rule 1002.f regarding site stabilization and stormwater management controls, and will implement a weed management plan. The attached exhibits provide documentation of these activities. Carrizo also will undertake any other necessary measures that it determines in good faith are necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.

The surface owner(s), WCR 100 Group, LLC understands and have agreed to this extension as evidenced in a signed Lease, Reclamation Agreement, Surface Use Agreement or Other Agreement document.

As further assurance that it will complete the obligations listed above, Carrizo is proposing to submit additional financial assurance to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission that would cover cost of conducting reclamation of the Variance Area. A detailed description of the Variance Area and a reclamation cost estimate is attached on the Form 4.

Please let us know if any additional information is needed to approve this request for a variance from Rule 1003 pursuant to Rule 502.b.

Best regards,

Scott Hudson
Vice President of Drilling and Completions