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Durango, Colorado 81303

May 11, 2017

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

Re: Request for Variance from Rule 603.a.(1) for the proposed
Fischer Mark Federal B5 Well

Dear Mr. Lepore,

Pursuant to Rule 502.b, BP respectfully requests a variance to the requirements of Rule 603.a.(1) to accommodate the Fischer Mark Federal B5 well. The subject well is proposed on an existing well pad and is planned to be less than the setback of 200 feet from the nearest public road. The US Forest Service, surface owner of the pad location and road, has waived the setback distance in order to accommodate a pad configuration that minimizes surface disturbance. Documentation of this waiver is attached to this letter. Designing a pad expansion that minimized surface disturbance per the request of the surface owner is in alignment with the Oil and Gas Conversation Act §34-60-127(1)(b).

The Fischer Mark Federal B5 wellhead is proposed to be 180 feet from the nearest public road which is Forest Service Road 755. The drilling rig is 77 feet high. Forest Service Road 755 is a gravel road that ends 0.2 miles beyond the well pad at a locked gate to private property. Outside of Forest Service vehicles, oil and gas operations vehicles, and the landowner behind the gate; there is seasonal usage of the road for recreational purposes. These types of vehicles are most likely to be passenger vehicles and recreational sports vehicles.

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

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Attachment: USFS Waiver to setback requirement

Feir, Kate

From: Brown, Walter A -FS <wabrown@fs.fed.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Feir, Kate
Subject: RE: Fischer-Mark Federal B5, request USFS acknowledgement of well head distance to Forest Service Road

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The USFS acknowledges and agrees to waive the setback requirements for the subject wells.



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From: Feir, Kate [<mailto:Kate.Feir@bp.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Brown, Walter A -FS <wabrown@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Fischer-Mark Federal B5, request USFS acknowledgement of well head distance to Forest Service Road

Walt,
The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 603a(1) requires a setback of 200 feet from the wellhead to the closest public road. The existing Fischer-Mark Federal B1 (API No. 05-067-07073) is approximately 190 ft. from Forest Service Road 755 and on the same pad, the Fischer-Mark Federal B5's proposed location is approximately 180 ft. from the same Forest Service Road 755. Thus, the wells require a COGCC variance due to the wellheads' proximity to a public road.

Would you provide an email response which will serve as the documented USFS acknowledgement and agreement to waive the setback requirements pursuant to the COGCC Rule 603a(1) for both these wells? The location of the proposed 'B#5' well was chosen to support development of the mineral resources and minimize new surface disturbance. This acknowledgement is required for the COGCC to proceed with processing the Form 2A for the proposed Fischer-Mark Federal B5 well.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thanks.
Kate

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