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Mr. Richard Griebing, Director
Colorado Oil & Gas Commission
1120 Lincoln St., Ste 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for Exception to Rule 318
DuBois #5 Well, Permit # 000330
Padroni West Field
Logan Co., Colorado

Dear Director,

This Request for Exception to Rule 318 is made to enable an O sand recompletion of the DuBois #5 well located within the NE/4 NW/4 Section 7, T9N-R52W (6th PM), Logan County, Colorado, being 2220 feet from the west line and 330 feet from the north line of the section.

A Waiver/Consent Agreement signed by the north adjacent lease operator, Advantage Resources, Inc. was submitted with the initial Form 2, Application For Permit to Drill, of the DuBois #5 well.

The subject DuBois #5 well is located approximately 700 feet north-northwesterly of the DuBois #2 well, within the same 40 acre tract. The close proximity of the two wells does not conform to Rule 318 spacing requirement within the O sand reservoir. The April 10, 2000 recent approval of the DuBois #5 Form 2 Drilling Permit did not approve completion in the O sand reservoir, which is the subject of this Request for Exception of Rule 318.

Both DuBois #2 and #5 wells have identical working interest and royalty mineral interest ownership and are operated by Lewis & Clark Exploration Company.

Well logs from the Dubois #5 well indicate a ten foot (interval 5008-18') capping lense of O sand reservoir pay with virgin formation resistivity exceeding 100 ohm-meters. The adjacent DuBois #2 well is four feet structurally higher than the #5 well and produces 99% water cut from the upper O sand, strongly suggesting a separate virgin

compartment of O sand reservoir at the DuBois #5 well. Successful completion from this additional reservoir compartment will benefit the DuBois lease owners and tax district.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,



Donald R. Hembre
President,
Lewis & Clark Exploration Co.

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