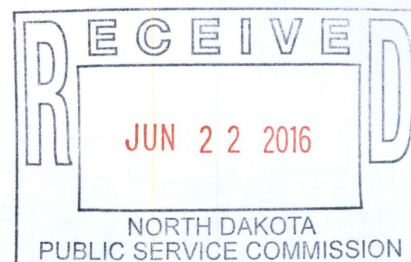


Darrell Nitschke
June 20, 2016
600 East Blvd Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505



Dear Mr. Nitchke:

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This reply is in regards to Case Number ^{NE} PU-16-255. The location referred to in this incident is by my house on my own land in ~~15~~ 15, twp 153-93. I built that house and lived in it before Continental, without even a notice, cut my fence, pulled up my posts and moved in with many men and earth moving machinery.

They built a large pad up to about 30 feet from the corner of my house on the North side. Then they drilled three oil wells less than the 500 foot minimum required by law.

They were drilled on a 1280 acre tract and produced for six months without paying any royalties. They then got the NDSIC to change the spacing by setting that pad with the three producing wells on a 480 acre spacing unit and the balance of the 1280 in with four additional sections of land. Then they built a fourteen acre pad on the opposite side of my house on top of the 480 tract, fencing up to within a few feet of two more sides of my house. They now have three sides of my house fenced, blocking my normal access, shining bright flood lights all night and filming the place to bellyache to you. They also stuck their toilet close to my house, but I prefer that to them.

I have owned and ranched this property for more than 60 years. I have many miles of fence and thousands of fence posts. Several miles of this fence is along State Hwy 1804. I GAVE 40 acres to Mountrail County to grade for this road because the County was short of funds for it. The State then took it over and black topped it. It has been one of the most heavily traveled roads in the State the past five years. Many times vehicles have left the highway and crashed my fence tearing out posts, sometimes on week ends and or nights. Never has any one claimed responsibility or was held accountable for the damage. I have been out there in the dark, after the Sheriff's office has called saying my fence was torn down, putting in posts to keep black cattle off of black topped highway. It looks like this is the thanks I get for it. Even the FBI from New Town, in chasing Native Americans who drove through my fence to get away, didn't let me know my fence was torn down. A neighbor seen it and let me know. At least the FBI didn't squeal to you that I was replacing a fence post without a couple days notice.

A billionaire has been trying for years, with the aid of the State Industrial Commission - Oil and Gas, to take my property without just compensation and force me out of this 60 year ranching business. He will not succeed even though his private army has lethal weapons hanging on his belly with the purpose of intimidating me and my employees. But, the ND State Government will succeed in driving me off if it proves to be unfriendly to the ranching and farming industry. Most farmers need to put in fence posts too.

Sincerely,

Arthur Langved

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