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#### GAS CAPTURE PLAN

☐ Original	Operator & OGRID No.: CHEVRON U S A I	NC 4323
		Date: 09/14/2019
Reason for Am	endment: New wells completed	

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomplete to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: A C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule 19.15.18.12.A

# Wells / Production Facility - CULEBRA BLUFF CTB (SECTION 15)

The wells that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	, API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
CB SO 15 22 004 1H (WCA)	30-015-44876	UL: D, SEC 15, T23S, R28E	336' FNL, 779' FWL	2,500	0	
CB SO 15 22 004 2H (WCA)	30-015-44877	UL: D, SEC 15, T23S, R28E	336' FNL, 804' FWL	2,500	0	
CB SO 15 22 004 3H (WCA)	30-015-44878	UL: D, SEC 15, T23S, R28E	335' FNL, 829' FWL	3,500	0	

## **Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

These Culebra Bluff South Pad 4 wells will be connected to Chevron's Culebra Bluff CTB West (Section 15) production facility located in Sec. 15, T23S, R28E, Eddy County, New Mexico during flowback and production. Gas produced from the production facility will be dedicated to Targa Delaware LLC ("Targa") and connected to Targa's high pressure gathering system located in Eddy County, New Mexico. Produced gas will be processed initially at Targa's Wildcat Processing Plant located in Block 27, Sec 39 of Winkler County, Texas and other plants operated by Targa which are connected to the high pressure gathering system until approximately late-September 2019 when it will be routed to Targa's new Falcon Plant located in northeast Culberson County, Texas. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures. Chevron will periodically provide Targa a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Chevron and Targa will have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to the drilling and completion schedules.

#### Flowback Strategy

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, wells will be routed to the permanent production facilities. Wells will have temporary sand catchers (separators) that will be installed at the well location to prevent sand from getting into the flowlines. These sand separators will be blown down periodically which will result in minimal venting of gas. Gas sales will start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities unless there are operational issues with Targa's system at that time. Based on current information, it is Chevron's belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

# **Alternatives to Reduce Flaring**

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation On Lease
  - o Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared.
- Compressed Natural Gas On Lease
  - Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines.
- NGL Removal On lease and trucked from condensate tanks
  - o Plants are expensive and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines.
  - o Any residue gas that results in the future may be flared.