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DISTRICT III

GAS CAPTURE PLAN

Date: 5/14/2018

☒ Original Operator & OGRID No.: **Hilcorp Energy Company 372171**
☐ Amended - Reason for Amendment:

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

Note: Form C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule (Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

Well(s)/Production Facility – Name of facility

The well(s) 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
SAN JUAN 29-5 UNIT 23B	3003930047	B, 16, 29N, 5W	885' FNL, 2305' FEL	370	Vented	

Gathering System and Pipeline Notification

This is a recompletion of a producing gas well. Gas production, sales and transportation infrastructure is already in place. The gas is dedicated to **Williams** and will be connected to their gathering system located in San Juan County, New Mexico. Gas from these wells will be processed at **IGNACIO** Processing Plant located in Sec. 22, Twn. 35N, Rng. 9W, **La Plata** County, New Mexico.

Flowback Strategy

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be routed to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on **Williams** system at that time. Based on current information, it is **Hilcorp'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
 - 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
 - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines

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