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Via Email: Albert.Chang@emnrd.nm.gov ; OCD.Engineer@emnrd.nm.gov

Re: Support for Blackbuck New Mexico, LLC C-108 Applications – Justice SWD and Republic SWD, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Director Chang:

I am writing on behalf of Tap Rock Operating, LLC to express our strong support for Blackbuck New Mexico, LLC's Applications for Authorization to Inject (Form C-108) for the **Justice SWD** and **Republic SWD** in Eddy County.

As an active operator in the Delaware Basin, Tap Rock has direct, firsthand experience with the severe constraints on available saltwater disposal capacity in the region. Existing infrastructure is simply insufficient to handle the growing volumes of produced water from both current production and our planned drilling programs. Without prompt approval of additional, drill-ready SWD wells, operators—including Tap Rock—face immediate risks of operational bottlenecks, increased costs, and significant production curtailment.

The Justice SWD and Republic SWD are particularly important to Tap Rock's near-term development plans in Eddy County. These two specific sites will provide the reliable, high-volume disposal capacity we need to maintain production, execute our active drilling schedule, and manage produced water in a safe, compliant, and environmentally responsible manner. Blackbuck has confirmed it is fully prepared to construct and place these wells into service immediately upon approval, which perfectly aligns the new capacity with our operational timeline.

Approval of these two C-108 applications will deliver much-needed infrastructure that benefits not only Tap Rock but multiple operators in the area. Expanding disposal capacity in this manner is essential to preventing waste, protecting correlative rights, and sustaining the continued growth and responsible development of New Mexico's mineral resources.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Oil Conservation Division to grant administrative approval of Blackbuck's Justice SWD and Republic SWD applications at the earliest possible date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Weddle".

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