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June 10, 2014

Legend Natural Gas III, Limited Partnership
Attn: Jennifer Elrod

**ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION AND NON-STANDARD PRORATION
UNIT ORDER**

Administrative Order NSL-7077
Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1411142491

Administrative Order NSP-1981
Administrative Application Reference No. p MAM1412245950

Legend Natural Gas III, Limited Partnership
OGRID 258894
Browning Federal Com Well No. 6H
API No. 30-015-pending

Non-Standard Location

Proposed Location:

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	110 FNL & 1337 FEL	B	20	24S	28E	Eddy
Penetration Point	341.5 FSL & 2562.5 FEL	O	17	24S	28E	Eddy
Terminus	331.2 FNL & 2619.5 FEL	B	17	24S	28E	Eddy

Proposed Project Area:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
W/2 E/2 and E/2 W/2 Section 17	320	Willow Lake; Bone Spring	64450

Reference is made to your application received on April 18, 2014.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet

from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This surface location is outside the project area, and is permitted by Rule 19.15.16.15.B (4) NMAC which allows for surface locations outside project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC.

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location to recover additional oil and gas reserves underlying the middle two quarter sections of Section 17 that may otherwise not be recovered by other proposed wells, thereby preventing waste and will not violate correlative rights.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 19.15.4.12 (A) 2 NMAC, in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Non-Standard Proration Unit

You have also requested approval of one or more non-standard proration to be included in your proposed project area, as follows:

Units Comprising this Project Area

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Code</u>
W/2 E/2 and E/2 W/2 Section 17	320	Willow Lake; Bone Spring	64450

You have requested an exception pursuant to Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, to approve a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising 320 acres, consisting of the entire area described above as the Subject Units. Your proposed non-standard proration unit consists of 320-acres.

We understand that you are seeking this exception in order to allow you to create a 320-acre proration unit, comprised of the W/2 E/2 and E/2 W/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Due to leasehold ownership not being common in the E/2 and W/2 of the Section, by forming the 320-acre unit it is only fair to the mineral/royalty owners in the sense that the mineral owner in the E/2 W/2 and W/2 E/2 will share royalties from the production of this well.

It is understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners to whom notice is required by Rule 19.15.4.12.A(3) NMAC.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.11.B(2), the above-described non-standard proration unit is hereby approved.

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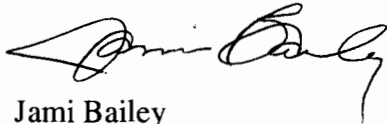
General provisions

The above approvals are subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

This approval is subject to like approval from the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 10, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", written over a horizontal line.

Jami Bailey
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad