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ConocoPhillips Company Attn: Ms. Ashley Bergen

# ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION, AND NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT

Administrative Order NSL-7343 Administrative Application Reference No. pJAG1520838571

Administrative Order NSP-2040 Administrative Application Reference No. pJAG1520838806

ConocoPhillips Company OGRID 217817 Stampede 34 Federal Com. Well No. 5 H API No. 30-015-pending Non-Standard Location

### **Proposed Location:**

|                   | Footages             | _Unit/Lot | Sec. | Twsp | Range | <u>County</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|------|------|-------|---------------|
| Surface           | 250` FSL & 1040` FWI | _ 4       | 34   | 26S  | 31E   | Eddy          |
| Penetration Point | 330° FSL & 1040° FWI | _ 4       | 34   | 26S  | 31E   | Eddy          |
| Final perforation | 330° FNL & 1040° FW  | L D       | 27   | 26S  | 31E   | Eddy          |
| Terminus          | 50` FNL & 1040` FWL  | . D       | 27   | 26S  | 31E   | Eddy          |

#### **Proposed Project Area:**

| Description               | Acres  | Pool                           | Pool Code |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Lot 4 of Section 34,      | 225.20 | WC-015 G-08 S263125P; Wolfcamp | 98012     |
| NW/4 NW/4 Section 34, and |        |                                |           |
| W/2 W/2 of Section 27     |        |                                |           |

Reference is made to your application received on July 27, 2015.

You have requested to drill this well at a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit described above in the referenced pool or formation. This proration unit 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 location is unorthodox because a portion of the project area less than 330 feet from the unit boundary.

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 because of cave/karst considerations and to avoid drainage ditches.

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.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

# Non-Standard Proration Unit

# Units Comprising this Project Area

| Unit                    | Acres | Pool                           | Code  |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Lot 4 of Section 34     | 25.20 | WC-015 G-08 S263125P; Wolfcamp | 98012 |
| NW/4 NW/4 of Section 34 | 40    | WC-015 G-08 S263125P; Wolfcamp | 98012 |
| W/2 W/2 of Section 27   | 160   | WC-015 G-08 S263125P; Wolfcamp | 98012 |

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A(3) NMAC.

Statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC provides for 40-acre units, which consists of the entire project area except Lot 4 of Section 34. Lot 4 of Section 34 is comprised of 25.20-acres. According to Division Rule 19.15.15.11.B(1) NMAC, an administrative approval is required for a non-standard spacing unit that is less than 70 percent of a standard spacing unit, in this case 25.20-acres.

It is also understood that since no acreage is being excluded in the project area, no interest owner is affected; therefore, notification is not required.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described non-standard proration unit is hereby approved.

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.

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 August 24, 2015

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