# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

## APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY

**ORDER NO. PLC-723** 

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. ConocoPhillips Company ("Operator") submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the oil and gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
- 2. To the extent that ownership is identical, Operator submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
- 3. Operator proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
- 4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Operator provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
- 5. Operator provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") or New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO"), as applicable.
- 6. Operator certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 7. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, and 19.15.12 NMAC.
- 8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
- 9. Operator's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.

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- 10. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
- 11. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. Operator is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
- 2. The oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated by conducting a minimum of one (1) well test per month.
  - Operator shall conduct a well test by separating and measuring the oil and gas production from that well for a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.
  - The well test requirements of this Order shall be suspended for any well shut-in for a period that continues for more than thirty (30) days until the well commences production.
- 3. Operator shall measure the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.18.15 NMAC or 19.15.23.8 NMAC.
- 4. Operator shall measure the commingled gas at a central delivery point or central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is flared, and regardless of whether OCD has granted an exception pursuant to 19.15.18.12(B) NMAC, Operator shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
- 5. Operator shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
- 6. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Operator shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Operator fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
- 7. Operator shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
- 8. OCD retains jurisdiction and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights, public health, or the environment.

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### State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

### **Exhibit A**

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**Operator: ConocoPhillips Company (217817)** 

**Central Tank Battery: Baish A Battery** 

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): Unit A, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): Unit A, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East

Pools		
Pool Name	<b>Pool Code</b>	
BAISH; YATES	4560	
MALJAMAR; GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES	43329	
MALJAMAR; ABO	43250	

4480

### Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

**BAISH; WOLFCAMP** 

Lease	Location (NMPM)	
NMLC 029509B	NE/4, SW/4, E/2 NW/4, NW/4 SE/4	Sec 22-T17S-R32E
NIVILC 029509B	S/2 SE/4	Sec 21-T17S-R32E
NIMI C 020E00A	W/2 NW/4	Sec 22-T17S-R32E
NMLC 029509A	N/2, SW/4, N/2 SE/4	Sec 21-T17S-R32E

Wells					
Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	<b>Pool Code</b>	Train	
30-025-00636	Baish B #3	B-22-17S-32E	43329		
30-025-00618	Baish A #3	H-21-17S-32E	4560		
30-025-00619	Baish A #5	K-21-17S-32E	4560		
30-025-20568 Baish A	Baish A #12	A-21-17S-32E	4480		
30-023-20308	.5-20506	A-21-1/3-32E	43250		
30-025-30363 Baish A #14	Poich A #14	D-22-17S-32E	4480		
	Ddi5ii A #14		43250		