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

## APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY FAE II OPERATING, LLC

#### **ORDER NO. PLC-744**

#### **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. FAE II Operating, LLC ("Applicant") submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
- 2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
- 3. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant 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.
- 4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the 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. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") or New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO"), as applicable.
- 6. Applicant certified the commingling of gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the 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. Applicant 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. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.

- 10. Commingling of 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.

## <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
- 2. Gas production for Watkins No. 3 (30-025-27946) shall be allocated using allocation meters.

The gas production allocated to Woolworth No. 1 (30-025-09672) shall be equal to the total commingled gas production minus the gas production allocated to Watkins No. 3 (30-025-27946).

- 3. Applicant 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. Applicant 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, Applicant shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
- 5. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
- 6. If the commingling of gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant 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. Applicant 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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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL** DIRECTOR

DATE: <u>5/17/2021</u>

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# **Exhibit A**

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Operator: FAE II Operating, LLC (329326)

**Central Tank Battery: Watkins 3 Battery** 

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): Unit A, Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 36 East

Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): Unit A, Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 36 East

Pools		
Pool Name	Pool Code	
JALMAT; TAN-YATES-7 RVRS (GAS)	79240	
JALMAT; TAN-YATES-7 RVRS (OIL)	33820	

Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC				
Lease	Location (NMPM)			
Fee	NE/4 NE/4	Sec 35-T24S-R36E		
Fee	S/2 SE/4	Sec 26-T24S-R36E		

Wells							
Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	Pool Code	Train			
30-025-27946	Watkins #3	A-35-24S-36E	33820				
30-025-09672	Woolworth #1	P-26-24S-36E	79240				