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ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

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May 28, 2015

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Mr. Tucker Smith Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. Republic Plaza 370 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1700 Denver, Colorado 80202

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Re: Renewal Of Annual Temporary Permission To Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Permit: HBP - 027

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.'s (Encana) request, dated May 22, 2015, for the renewal of an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new transmission pipelines of oil and gas or products thereof throughout the State of New Mexico, which expired on May 16, 2015. OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the May 22, 2015 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to Encana for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests an operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions are applicable:

- 1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
- 2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
- 3. email or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
- 4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
- no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution
  Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to
  the discharge;

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- 6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
- 7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
- 8. Encana shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to OCD Rule 19.15.29 NMAC;
- the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
- 10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire May 16, 2016.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

This approval does not relieve Encana of responsibility should its operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Encana of responsibility for compliance with other federal, state or local regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or <a href="mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us">brad.a.jones@state.nm.us</a>.

Sincerely,

Brad A. Jones

**Environmental Engineer** 

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cc: OCD District Offices