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Form C-107A  
Revised June 10, 2003  
pws 0621442319

APPLICATION TYPE

☒ Single Well

☐ Establish Pre-Approved Pools

EXISTING WELLBORE

☒ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

Operator **BLACK HILLS GAS RESOURCES, INC.** c/o Mike Pippin LLC (agent), 3104 N. Sullivan, Farmington, NM 87401

Address

Lease **JICARILLA 457-10 #44**

P SEC. 10 T30N R03W

Rio Arriba

County

OGRID No. **013925** Property Code **22860** API No. **30-039-29321** Lease Type: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Fee

THIS IS PART OF THE BLACK HILLS CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

DATA ELEMENT	UPPER ZONE	INTERMEDIATE ZONE	LOWER ZONE
	<i>UNDES.</i>		
Pool Name	<b>Cabresto Canyon Tertiary</b>	<b>Basin Fruitland Coal</b>	<b>East Blanco Pictured Cliffs</b>
Pool Code	97037	71629	72400
Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforated or Open-Hole Interval)	1547'-3018'	3739'-57'	3776'-3863'
Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Pumping	Pumping	Pumping
Bottomhole Pressure (Note: Pressure data will not be required if the bottom perforation in the lower zone is within 150% of the depth of the top perforation in the upper zone)	<i>447</i>	<i>1130</i>	<i>1150</i>
Oil Gravity or Gas BTU (Degree API or Gas BTU)	1052	1165	1175
Producing, Shut-In or New Zone	New Zone	New Zone	New Zone
Date and Oil/Gas/Water Rates of Last Production. (Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data.)	Date: 7/5/05 Rates: 8 MCF/D	Date: 6/16/05 Rates: 102 MCF/D	Date: 6/5&11/05 Rates: 589 MCF/D
Fixed Allocation Percentage (Note: If allocation is based upon something other than current or past production, supporting data or explanation will be required.)	Oil      Gas 0%      1%	Oil      Gas 0%      15%	Oil      Gas 100%      84%

ADDITIONAL DATA

Are all working, royalty and overriding royalty interests identical in all commingled zones?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If not, have all working, royalty and overriding royalty interest owners been notified by certified mail?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will commingling decrease the value of production?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, has either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management been notified in writing of this application?

Yes ☒ No ☐

NMOCD Reference Case No. applicable to this well: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

- C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.
- Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.
- Data to support allocation method or formula.
- Notification list of working, royalty and overriding royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.
- Any additional statements, data or documents required to support commingling.

PRE-APPROVED POOLS

If application is to establish Pre-Approved Pools, the following additional information will be required:

List of other orders approving downhole commingling within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools

List of all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools

Proof that all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools were provided notice of this application.

Bottomhole pressure data.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Mike Pippin TITLE Petroleum Engineer - Agent DATE July 25, 2006

TYPE OR PRINT NAME Mike Pippin TELEPHONE NO. ( 505 ) 327-4573

E-MAIL ADDRESS mike@pippinllc.com

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## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

<sup>1</sup> API Number 30-039-29321	<sup>2</sup> Pool Code 97037	<sup>3</sup> Pool Name Cabresto Canyon Tertiary
<sup>4</sup> Property Code 22860	<sup>5</sup> Property Name Jicarilla 457-10	<sup>6</sup> Well Number 44
<sup>7</sup> OGRID No. 013925	<sup>8</sup> Operator Name Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc.	<sup>9</sup> Elevation 7313' GL

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location

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P	10	30-N	3-W		990'	South	520'	East	Rio Arriba

<sup>11</sup> Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

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<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 160 - SE/4	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.
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	<sup>18</sup> <b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief. Date of Survey: Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:
	Certificate Number

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## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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<sup>4</sup> Property Code 22860	<sup>5</sup> Property Name Jicarilla 457-10	<sup>6</sup> Well Number 44
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<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 320 - E/2	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.
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*API Number	*Pool Code 72400	*Pool Name East Blanco; Pictured Cliffs
*Property Code 24245 22860	*Property Name JICARILLA 457-10	*Well Number 44
*OGEID No. 013925	*Operator Name MALLON OIL COMPANY	*Elevation 7313

10 Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
P	10	30-N	3-W		990	SOUTH	520	EAST	RIO ARriba

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 160			Joint or Infill		Consolidation Code		Order No.		

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED  
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

16				17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION	
LOT 4				I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief	
LOT 3				Signature <u>Kathy L. Schneebeck</u> Kathy L. Schneebeck Printed Name Agent for Mallon Oil Company Title July 27, 2004 Date	
LOT 2				QTR. CORNER FD. 2 1/2" BC. 1917 U.S.G.L.O.	
LOT 1				18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION	
LAT. 36°49'21"N LONG. 107°07'51"W				I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.	
NAD 83) NAD 83)				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
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SEC. CORNER FD. 2 1/2" BC. 1917 U.S.G.L.O.				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
S 89-59-03 W 2638.1' (M)				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
N 00-02-54 W 2641.2' (M)				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
520'				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
990'				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	
Certificate Number				Date of Survey Signature and Title of Surveyor	

## Commingle Allocation Calculations

### OIL

The Cabresto Canyon Tertiary and the Basin Fruitland Coal gas pools do not make any oil in the vicinity of the subject well. The East Blanco Pictured Cliffs gas pool does produce a little oil. Therefore, any and all oil will be assigned to the Pictured Cliffs.

### GAS

During completion operations in June and July 2005, stabilized and segregated gas choke tests were taken on the PC, the FRTC, and the Tertiary.

The **Lower Pictured Cliffs** choke test stabilized at 120 psi on a 1/4" choke for a 5 hour period on 6/5/05.

$$Q = .0555 \cdot C \cdot P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/4" \text{ choke} = 26.51 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 135 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$Q = .0555 \cdot 26.51 \cdot 135 = 199 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

The **Upper Pictured Cliffs** choke test stabilized at 250 psi on a 1/4" choke for a 4 hour period on 6/11/05.

$$Q = .0555 \cdot C \cdot P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/4" \text{ choke} = 26.51 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 265 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$Q = .0555 \cdot 26.51 \cdot 265 = 390 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\text{Total Pictured Cliffs} = 199 + 390 = 589 \text{ MCF/D}$$

The **Fruitland Coal** choke test stabilized at 15 psi on a 3/8" choke on 6/16/05.

$$Q = .0555 \cdot C \cdot P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 3/8" \text{ choke} = 61.21 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 30 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$\text{Total Fruitland Coal} = Q = .0555 \cdot 61.21 \cdot 30 = 102 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

The **Tertiary** choke test stabilized at 10 psi on a 1/8" choke on 7/5/05.

$$Q = .0555 \cdot C \cdot P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/8" \text{ choke} = 6.25 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 25 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$\text{Total Tertiary} = Q = .0555 \cdot 6.25 \cdot 25 = 8 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\text{Total gas} = 589 + 102 + 8 = 699 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\% \text{ Pictured Cliffs} = \frac{589}{699} = 84\%$$

$$\% \text{ FRTC} = \frac{102}{699} = 15\%$$

$$\% \text{ Tertiary} = \frac{8}{699} = 1\%$$

**Jones, William V., EMNRD**

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**From:** Mike Pippin [mike@pippinllc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2006 8:53 AM  
**To:** Jones, William V., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Russ Peterson; Gary Stripling; Loren Diede; Leslie Lamb  
**Subject:** RE: DHC Application: Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc. Jicarilla 457-10 Well No. 44 API No. 30-039-29321  
**Attachments:** LETTER answer to questions 8 2 06 457-10 #44.doc

I have attached the answers to your questions. Black Hills plans to P&A this well. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jones, William V., EMNRD [mailto:William.V.Jones@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** mike@pippinllc.com  
**Cc:** Hayden, Steven, EMNRD; Ezeanyim, Richard, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD  
**Subject:** DHC Application: Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc. Jicarilla 457-10 Well No. 44 API No. 30-039-29321

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Why did Black Hills choose to not isolate the Tertiary in the annulus and produce the relatively dry Fruitland and PC up the tubing?

What is the feasibility and estimated cost of squeezing off the Tertiary intervals?

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Thank You,

William V. Jones      Engineering Bureau      Oil Conservation Division      Santa Fe

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August 2, 2006

Mr. William Jones  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
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RE: Answer to Your Questions  
Application for Downhole Commingling C-107A for Black Hill's Jicarilla 457-10 #44  
990' FSL and 520' FEL Unit P, Section 10, T30N, R03W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico  
East Blanco Pictured Cliffs, Basin Fruitland Coal, Cabresto Canyon Tertiary

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 7/28/06 requesting additional information on Black Hill's C-107A commingle application. on the referenced well. I hope the following will help clarify Black Hill's thoughts in the past along with their plans for the future of this well.

The application to commingle the referenced three intervals is part of the Black Hills permit Clean-up program, which is their effort to bring all Black Hills wells into total compliance with both the BLM and the NMOCD. Black Hills is working closely with Jim Lavato with the BLM and Charlie Perrin with the NMOCD in Aztec on this clean-up program. Before, Black Hills can move forward with future plans for this well, they must first bring the well into total compliance. Since the well did produce some gas as a triple commingle, the C-107A is necessary along with several other BLM and NMOCD forms. When the well is brought into compliance, Black Hills plans to submit an application to P&A the well.

- Q: With only 1% of the production coming from the Tertiary intervals, does the water production from the Tertiary present a danger to the life of the FRTC and PC reserves?  
A: At the time of the testing (June & July 2005) none of the three intervals were believed to be economical. The Engineering staff at the time believed that a triple commingle and pumping would give the well the best chance to be economical. No damage would be done since no significant water would be injected into the lower (higher pressured) intervals due to pumping.
- Q: Does H2S from the Tertiary and corrosion from the Ojo Alamo endanger the life of this well?  
A: The Tertiary does not make H2S and the Ojo Alamo was not opened in this well.
- Q: What is the life of each of these intervals if produced separately?  
A: They were at their economic limit then and now and even together.
- Q: Why did Black Hills choose to not isolate the Tertiary in the annulus and produce the relatively dry FRTC & PC up the tubing?  
A: The FRTC & PC were not very dry. The Engineering staff at the time thought pumping all three gave the well its best chance.
- Q: What is the feasibility and cost of squeezing off the Tertiary intervals?  
A: This \$40,000 to \$60,000 alternative was considered, but rejected by the Engineering staff at the time.
- Q: Has Black Hills done any wireline production profile investigations in this area after Mallon initiated all this commingling to see if harmful cross-flowing is happening or to verify allocation percentages and aid in future development planning?  
A: No, not yet. But it is being considered.

Black Hills would like to request your approval of the C-107A for this well to bring it into full compliance, so they can initiate plugging procedures. Should you need anything further, please feel free to contact me at (505) 327-4573.

Best Regards,

Mike Pippin  
Petroleum Engineer  
Agent – Black Hills Gas Resources

cc: Steve Hayden

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I sent this to you on Monday 7/31/06. Sorry you did not get it.

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Here are the pressures you asked for:

These numbers come from our Application for increase density case #12892

San Jose: 258 psi

Nacimiento: 636 psi

Ojo Alamo 1090 psi

FRTC: 1130 psi

PC: 1150 psi

The San Jose and Nacimiento are the Tertiary members open in this well.

Therefore, for the Tertiary I would use the average of San Jose & Nacimiento:  $(258+636)/2 = 447$  psi

For the Engineering questions, I want to get with the Production and Reservoir Engineers instead of using just my opinions. I will get back to you on each of your questions.

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