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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



Oil Conservation Division

- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE Application Acronyms:

Application Acronyms: [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

 [1]
 TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] [A]
 Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication

 [A]
 NSL
 NSP
 SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

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- [B]
 Commingling Storage Measurement

 DHC
 CTB
 PLC
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 OLS
 OLM
- [C]
 Injection Disposal Pressure Increase Enhanced Oil Recovery

 WFX
 PMX
 SWD
 IPI
 EOR
 PPR
- [D] Other: Specify _____

[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners

[B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner

- [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F] Waivers are Attached

[3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

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March 20, 2003

HAND-DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

(30-025-33908)

Re: Application of EOG Resources, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Field Well No. 1-Y, to be reentered and recompleted from a surface location 1650 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the East line of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

EOG Resources, Inc. hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 104 F (2)-(4) adopted on August 12, 1999, of an unorthodox well location for its Field Well No. 1-Y to be re-entered and drilled from a location 1650 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. The well was originally drilled to test the Strawn formation at a standard oil well location. EOG proposes to re-enter the well and drill to a depth sufficient to test the Atoka formation, Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool. A standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 9, 10, 15, 16 and the SE/4 of Irregular Section 3 will be dedicated to the well.

This location in the Atoka formation is unorthodox because it is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 320-spacing units to be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section on which the well is located and no closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary. The proposed unorthodox well location is

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only 625 feet from an eastern boundary of the dedicated spacing unit and therefore 35 feet too close to the East line of Section 3.

The objective zone is the Shoe Bar North Atoka "Brunson" Sand. This sand was encountered in the Arrington Oil & Gas Parachute Adams Well No. 1 which was directionally drilled from a surface location 1859 feet from the South line and 777 feet from the East line to a bottomhole location 1522 feet from the South line and 992 feet from the East line of said Section 3. The well tested gas on DST at a reduced BHP but was damaged upon completion and rendered non-commercial in that wellbore. The Parachute Adams Well No. 1 is a producing well in the North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool which is now operated by EOG Resources, Inc. The Field Well No. 1-Y was drilled by Amerind Oil Company at a location 399 feet to the east of the Parachute Adams Well No. 1. It was drilled in 1997 to a total depth of 11,880 feet as a Strawn test. The Field Well No. 1-Y produced briefly from the Strawn and was subsequently unsuccessfully worked over by T. M. Hopkins Operating Co. EOG Resources proposes to re-enter the Field Well No. 1-Y and deepen it to test the Atoka "Brunson" Sand. Use of this existing wellbore makes this Atoka test more economically attractive for it will substantially reduce the cost of testing the Atoka formation. Furthermore, EOG will only deepen this well approximately 470 feet and, therefore, it is not feasible to directionally drill to a standard location.

Exhibit A is a Production Map which shows the locations and producing formations of deep gas wells in this area including the Parachute Adams Well No. 1 and the Field Well No. 1-Y. It also shows the locations of the Brunson Sand producing wells in Sections 10 and 11 to the South and the line of cross section for Cross Section A-A' (Exhibit C).

Exhibit B is a Net Sand Isopach Map of the Atoka "Brunson" Sand that shows that the proposed unorthodox well location should encounter thicker sand interval than that found in the offsetting Parachute Adams well. The bubble map in Sections 10 and 11 shows the approximate drainage areas of the Atoka "Brunson" Sand wells in the area.

Exhibit C is a Structural Cross-Section from the Parachute Adams Well No. 1 to Field Well No. 1-Y that shows the proposed location in the Atoka "Brunson" Sand is low to both the Parachute Adams and to a standard location on this spacing unit

Exhibit D is a plat which shows the subject area, the 320-acre spacing unit comprised of Lots 9, 10, 15, 16 and the SE/4 of Irregular Section 3 the proposed unorthodox well location. This well encroaches on the Eastern boundary of the dedicated acreage. Yates Petroleum Corporation is the only affected party under

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Division Rules and operates the offsetting spacing unit to the East (Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 2) as well as the E/2 of Section 10 and the W/2 of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 35East, NMPM. A copy of this application, including a copy of the plat described above ,has been sent to Yates Petroleum Corporation by certified mail-return receipt requested in accordance with Rule 1207 (A)(5) and has been advised that if they have an objection to this application it must be filed in writing with the Division's Santa Fe office within twenty days from the date this notice was sent.

Enclosed in hard copy and disc is a proposed administrative order of the Division.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

ry truly you

William F. Carr Attorney for EOG Resources, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Patrick J. Tower, Project Landman EOG Resources, Inc. Post Office Box 2267 Midland, Texas 79702

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Yates Petroleum Copporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Application of EOG Resources, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox location for its Field Well No. 1-Y to be re-entered and re-completed at a location 1650 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application and attached plat which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date by EOG Resources, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Field Well No. 1-Y, to be reentered and drilled to the Atoka formation, North Shoe Bar- Atoka Gas Pool, at a location 1650 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the East line of Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

As an owner of an interest that may be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date at the Division's Santa Fe office that is located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application for an unorthodox well location may be approved.

eny truly yours

William F. Carr I Attorney for EOG Resources, Inc.

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cc: Patrick J. Tower EOG Resources, Inc. EOG Resources, Inc. Post Office Box 2267 Midland, Texas 79705

Attention: Patrick J. Tower

Administrative Order NSL-

Dear Mr. Tower:

Reference is made to your application dated March 20, 2003 for an unorthodox bottomhole well location for a well to be re-entered and drilled to the Atoka formation, Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, for your Field Well No. 1-Y. Said well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location in the Atoka formation at a location 1650 feet from South line and 625 feet from the East line of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

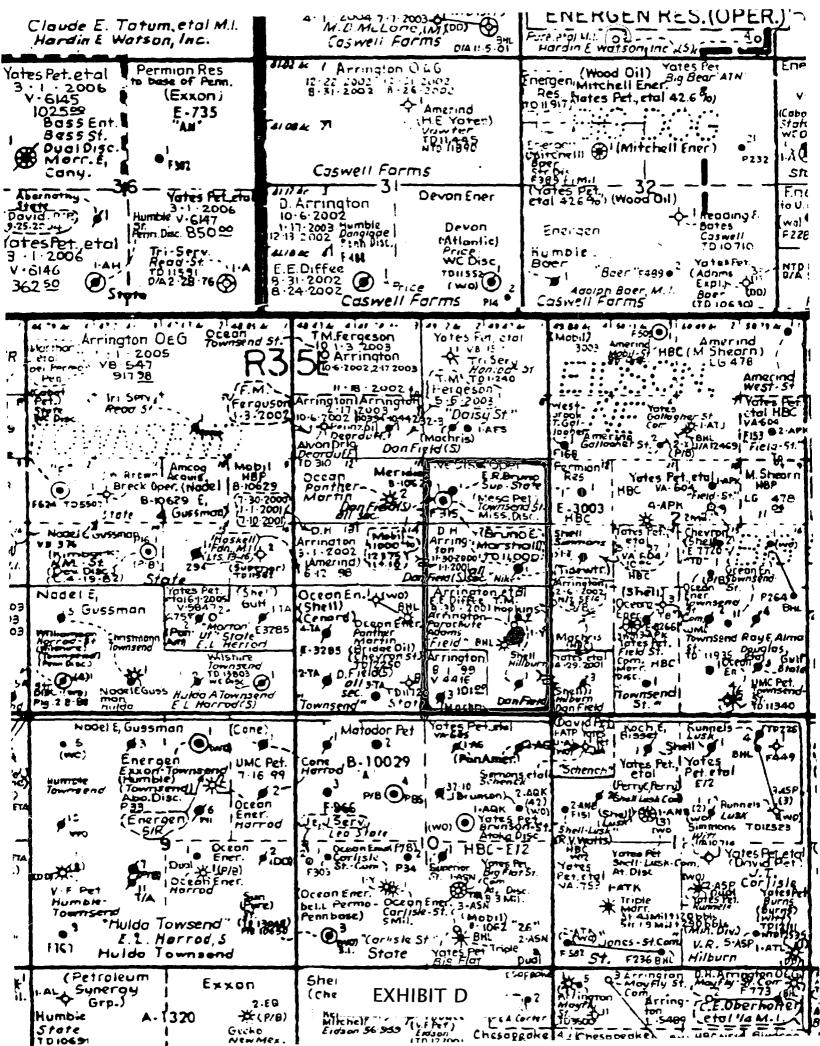
A 320-acre spacing and proration unit in the Atoka formation comprising Lots 9, 10, 15, 16 and the SE/4 of said Irregular Section 3 is to be dedicated to said well.

By authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 104.F(2) of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10533, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,351 on January 18, 1996, the above-described unorthodox well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs/Artesia U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad



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