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**VIA EMAIL**

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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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*Case 15074*

**Re: Chevron U.S.A. Inc.**  
**Bell Lake 18-23-34 #1H ("Bell Lake")**  
**S/2N/2 of Section 18, T23S, R34E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Bailey:

BTA Oil Producers, LLC, leasehold interest owner in the entire S/2 of Section 18, have asked us to formally protest the drilling of the above-referenced well proposed by Chevron U.S.A. Inc. dedicated to an east/west non-standard spacing unit.

BTA's reasons for opposing the well are the same as expressed in our letters of December 27 and 31, 2013, to you on behalf of Endurance Resources LLC. In short, BTA, like Randall Harris and Ray Westall, is strongly opposed to an east/west oriented well, and is ready to participate in the north/south oriented well proposed by Endurance Resources.

Accordingly, BTA joins in the request that the Oil Conservation Division order Chevron to suspend any drilling of its proposed well until all parties can be heard at hearing to determine which of the opposing proposals should be adopted in the best interests of conservation of oil and gas resources underlying Section 18.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest L. Padilla*

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c: BTA Oil Producers, LLC  
Endurance Resources, LLC