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May 10, 2016

Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc.  
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Denver, Colorado 80202

Attention: Ms. Mona L. Binion

Re: Preliminary Approval  
Proposed Ponderosa Unit  
San Juan County, New Mexico

*Case 15471*

Dear Ms. Binion:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement, which you have submitted for the proposed Ponderosa Unit area, San Juan County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short-term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:


1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
  - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
  - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
  - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
  - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.
3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.

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4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
5. Please submit one copy of the Unit Operating Agreement. If applicable).
6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
7. Please submit a \$1,320.00 filing fee.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Respectfully,



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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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cc: Reader File,  
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TRD-Attention: Ms. Billie Luther  
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BLM- Farmington Attn: Mr. Joe Hewitt