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State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Santa Fe, New Mexico Case No. 14022 Exhibit No. 6 Submitted by: DAN A. HUGHES COMPANY, L.P. Hearing Date: November 1,2007

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October 15, 2007

Stonebridge Energy, LLC 14275 Midway Road, Suite 220 Addison, TX 75001

Attn: Mr. Larry Hunnicutt

Amended Preliminary Approval Re:

Second Expansion of Proposed Hueco South Unit

Additional 18,622.25 Acres Hidalgo County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hunnicutt:

On May 27, 2003 this office granted preliminary approval to the proposed Hueco South Unit area in Hidalgo County, New Mexico containing 56,096.94 acres. Your letter of March 7, 2005 requested our approval to expand the proposed unit boundaries to include an additional 7,903.41 acres for a total of 64,000.35 acres. Your second expansion letter of October 1, 2007 advises that Dan A. Hughes Company, L.P. will be operating this unit and requests our approval to add an additional 18,622.25 acres that were previously withdrawn and have subsequently been leased.

Please be advised that the Commissioner of Public Lands has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content for the expanded Hueco South Unit area containing 82,622.60 acres in Hidalgo County, New Mexico..

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.
- Pursuant to Rule 1.045, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
 - That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
 - 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. ं प्रदेश । राष्ट्रविक्षेत्रकार पुरा । एक्ष्मा के केवा पुरावका का
 - 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.

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- 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 <u>original</u> signatures.
- 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 two copies of the Unit Agreement.
- 6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement.
- 7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well. We need a definite initial well location prior to final approval.
- 8. The filing fee for a unit agreement is \$30 for every section or partial section thereof. Please submit a filing fee in the amount of \$4,320.00.
- 9. A statement that all owners within the unit boundaries have been invited to join the unit.

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

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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cc: OCD-Santa Fe, Attention: Mr. David Catanach