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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 13589: Application of Duke Energy Field Services, LP for an acid gas injection well, Lea County, New Mexico.

## Dear Mr. Fesmire:

On May 5, 2006, the Commission entered Order No. R-12546 which granted the application of Duke Energy Field Services, LP (now known as DCP Midstream, LP) in the above-referenced case and authorized the injection of acid gas into the Lower Bone Spring (Wolfcamp) formation through a well to be drilled at a location 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. The well will be used for the purpose of disposing natural gas processing wastes from DCP's Linam Plant located in the NE/4 of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

On April 2, 2008, you granted an extension of the commencement date for injection operations until January 5, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Division Order R-12546, as amended by Order No. R-12546-B.

Pursuant to Order R-12546, DCP respectfully requests an additional extension until December 31, 2009. As previously noted, DCP has drilled, completed and tested the Linam well and is diligently working to complete pipeline and surface compression facilities for the well. DCP has ordered the fabrication of the surface compressors and other surface facilities equipment. Due to the nature and purpose of the compressors, the period of time for fabrication is lengthy. Delivery and construction on-site of the equipment will also take several months. Until these facilities are in place, DCP will be



unable to commence injection operations in the well. Additionally, the New Mexico Environment Department has set a deadline for DCP to complete construction of the Linam well (and related facilities) by December 31, 2009. Therefore, DCP hereby requests an extension of Order No. R-12546-B from January 5, 2009 until December 31, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Attorney for DCP Midstream, LP

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