Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

## UNITED STATES Carlsbad Field Office DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OCD Hobbs Expires: January 31, 2018 5. Lease Serial No.

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	NOTICES AND REPO				NWLC036406B		
Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.					6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name		
7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.							
1. Type of Well				17	8. Well Name and No. MCA UNIT 126	~	
Name of Operator     CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPAN	R illips com 9 201	7	9. API Well No. 30-025-12709				
3a. Address 3300 N "A" STREET, BLDG 6 MIDLAND, TX 79705	( <b>naude area code</b> ) 8-9038	() ED	10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area MALJAMAR; YESO WEST				
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T.			11. County or Parish, State				
Sec 26 T17S R32E Mer NMP NENE 660FNL 660FEL					LEA COUNTY, N	IM	
12. CHECK THE AF	PPROPRIATE BOX(ES)	TO INDICA	ΓE NATURE O	F NOTICE,	REPORT, OR OTH	ER DATA	
TYPE OF SUBMISSION			TYPE OF	ACTION			
Notice of Intent	☐ Acidize	□ Deep	oen	☐ Product	ion (Start/Resume)	☐ Water Shut-Of	f
■ Notice of Intent	☐ Alter Casing	☐ Hyd	raulic Fracturing	☐ Reclam	ation	■ Well Integrity	
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Casing Repair	□ New	Construction	☐ Recomp	olete	Other	
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans	☐ Plug	and Abandon	☐ Tempor	arily Abandon	Venting and/or Fl	arı
	☐ Convert to Injection	☐ Plug	Back	☐ Water I	Disposal		
If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports must be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.  ConocoPhillips Company requests approval to replace the existing flare at the MCA Battery No. 4 located in the NENE of Section 26, T17S, R32E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.  The new flare will be 30ft in height with a 75ft radius caliche pad. The increase in caliche pad size is necessary to establish a safety zone around the flare for safety purposes. The increase in acreage of the safety zone around the base of flare will be utilizing prior disturbance/existing right of way.  The flare will be used solely for the MCA Battery No. 4 production. There are 39 Wells that utilize MCA Battery No. 4. For reference a list of production wells has been attached.  The project has become necessary in order to be able to produce from the MCA Battery No. 4 since							
14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  Electronic Submission #373069 verified by the BLM Well Information System  For CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, sent to the Hobbs  Committed to AFMSS for processing by DEBORAH MCKINNEY on 04/18/2017 ()							
Name (Printed/Typed) MYRA HARRISON Title SURFACE LAND CONTRACT AGENT							
Signature (Electronic S	Submission)		Date 04/17/20	017			
THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE							
Approved By J. D. W. Ku	thork 2		Title TLAK	7		Date 15/1	7
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or pertify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.  Office							
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.							

(Instructions on page 2)

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## Additional data for EC transaction #373069 that would not fit on the form

### 32. Additional remarks, continued

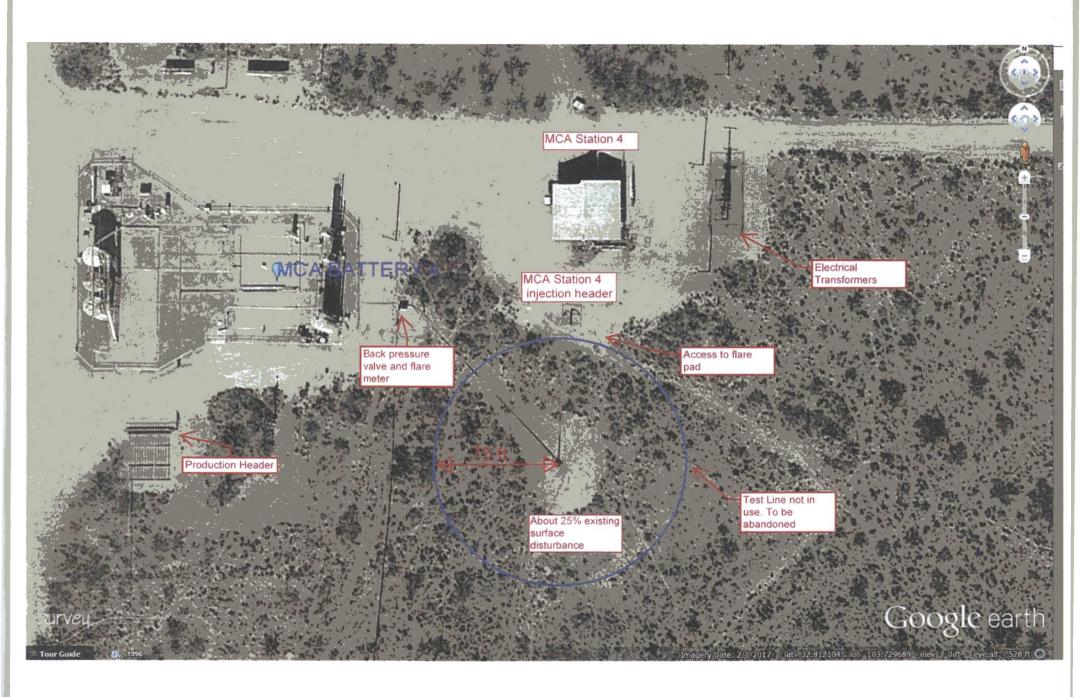
Frontier's plant can no longer buy gas due to the high N2 content.

The flare will be used for the life of the well field.

The flare will be used year round from 1/1 to 12/31.

Construction of the flare will take place on or near July 1, 2017. Estimated construction time is approximately 2 months.

Please contact ConocoPhillips Company's local Surface Land Contract Agent, Myra Harrison at 575-441-1805 for additional information or assistance concerning this project.



## ConocoPhillips Company MCA Battery No. 4 Wells

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MCA 126		MCA
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MCA 322		MCA
MCA 337		MCA
MCA 343		MCA
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MCA 351		MCA
MCA 366		
MCA 401		
MCA 448		
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4B header	4C header
MCA 083	MCA 128
MCA 330	MCA 130
MCA 354	MCA 136
MCA 367	MCA 138
MCA 375	MCA 140
MCA 376	MCA 191
MCA 377	MCA 192
MCA 488	MCA 193
	MCA 196
	MCA 313
	MCA 334
	MCA 344
	MCA 352
	MCA 390
	MCA 392
	MCA 398

# ConocoPhillips Company MCA Battery No.4 Combustor Upgrade Sundry Notice Electronic Submission #3730069 Exhibit A

ConocoPhillips Company requests approval to replace the existing combustor at the MCA Battery No.4 located in the NENE of Section 26, T17S, R32E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

ConocoPhillips Company plans to replace the MCA Battery No.4 existing 20ft tall combustor with combustor that is currently located at the MCA Battery No.2. The replacement combustor will be 30ft in height with a 75ft radius caliche pad. The increase in caliche pad size is necessary to establish a larger safety zone around the base of flare for fire & safety purposes. The caliche pad will be utilizing surface that has had prior disturbance/existing right of way.

There are 39 wells that currently utilize the MCA Battery No. 4 for production purposes. The combustor will be utilized solely for MCA Battery No. 4 production and only be used during emergency situations, when Frontier Gas Plant cannot accept gas. During the past year, this type of situation has occurred approximately 20 times. Each occurrence lasted approximately less than 24 hrs. up to one week.

A flowmeter will be installed on the gas line to the combustor to measure the volume of gas being flared. The meter readings will be reported to the BLM for royalty purposes. It is estimated that approximately 140/MCF/D or 2800 MCF/YR of gas will be flared.

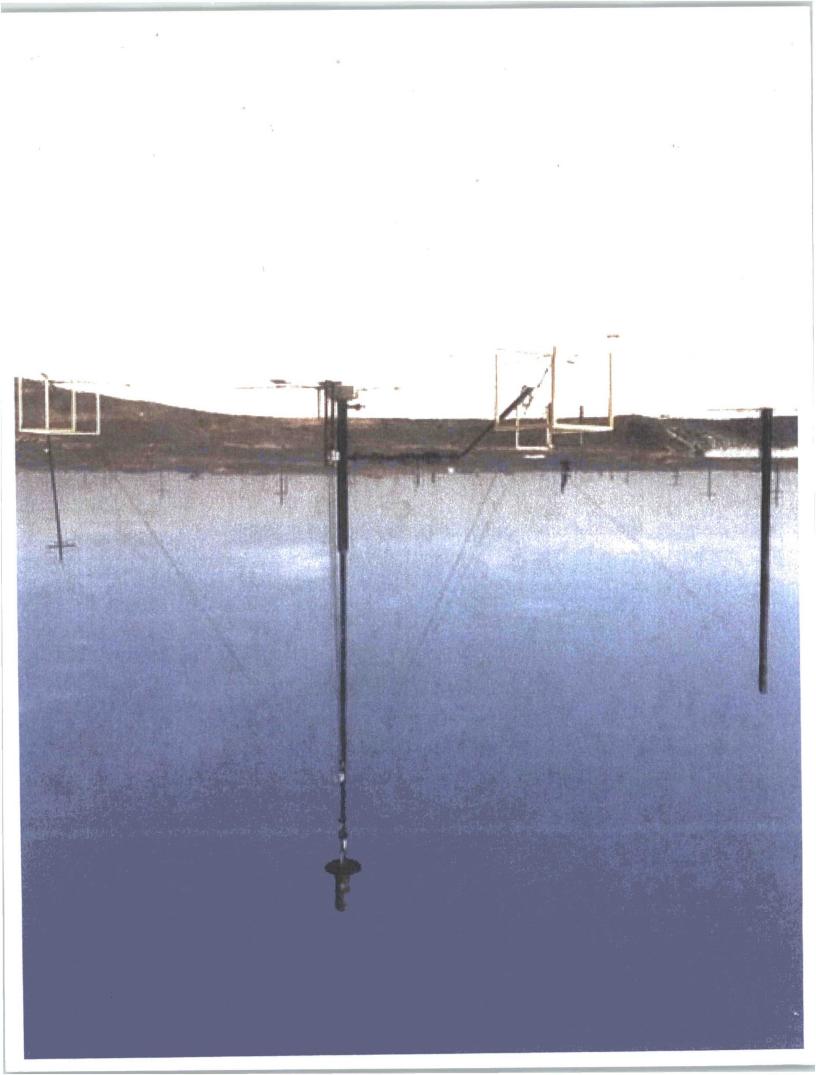
The flowmeter's Serial No. is 104850.

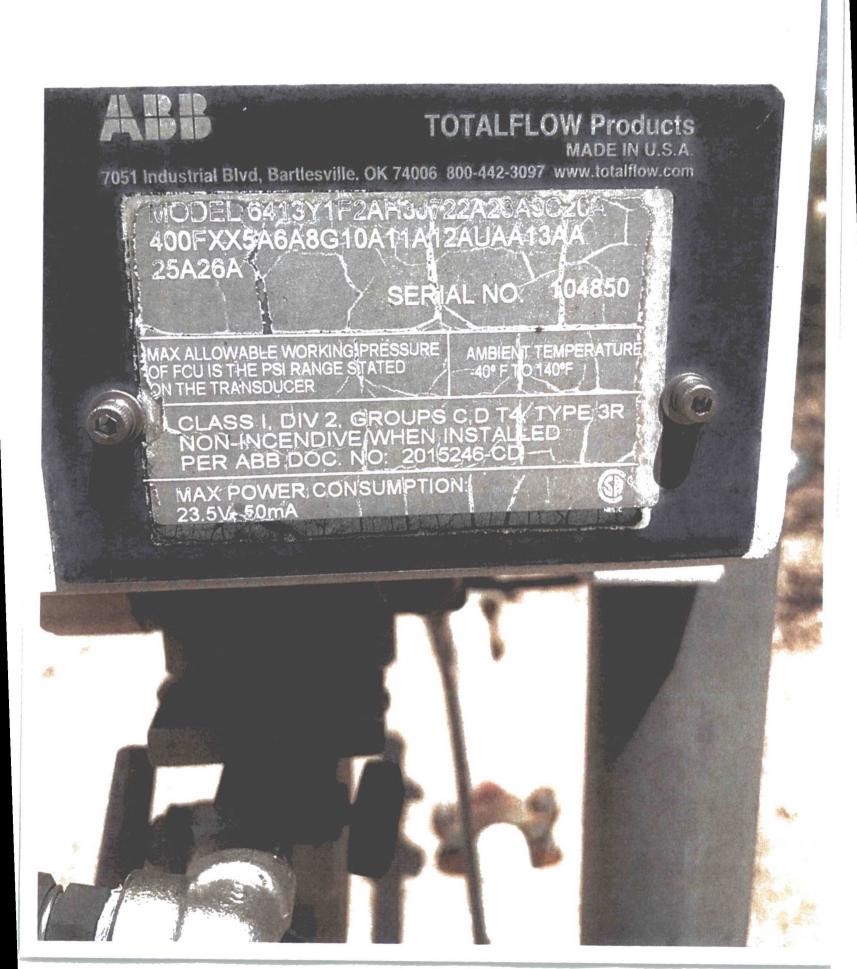
The combustor will be used for the life of the well field.

The combustor will be utilized year around but only during emergency situations.

Construction will take place on or near July 1, 2017. Estimated construction time is approximately 2 months.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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ConocoPhillips Company
MCA Battery No. 4 / NENE, Sec. 26, T17S, R32E
To include 39 wells
NMNM70987A

June 15, 2017

Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis without incurring a royalty obligation in the following circumstances:

- A. 43 CFR 3179.105 Emergencies (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179.4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency. For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment. For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence.
- B. 43 CFR 3179.4 **Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable**. (2) *Avoidably lost oil* or gas means: Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section; waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence; and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179.7.
- C. 43 CFR 3179.5 When lost production is subject to royalty.
  - (a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas.
  - (b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas.

#### **Condition of Approval to Flare Gas**

- 1. The first 24 hours of a <u>temporary emergency flare</u> is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free. Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22".
- 2. Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost": These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179.7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179. Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08".

If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 3179.103 - 3179.105. As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas.

- 3. Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). Include method for volume determination and duration. Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs. of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs. or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report.
- 4. In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 43 CFR 3179.5, 43 CFR 3179.9 and 43 CFR 3179.10
- 5. The BLM CFO will require flare gas to be metered to meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175 (due to volume of gas being flared). Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
  - If installation of an approved gas meter is not economically feasible for continued operations. Submit Notice of Intent Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) to request an alternate method of determining gas volumes with a valid justification.