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IN REPLY REFER TO:

3180 (P0220)

NM70946X

Reference:

Designation of Successor Unit Operator

Empire South Deep Unit

Unitization Agreement No. NM70946X

Eddy County, New Mexico

MAR 3 2014

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MCA Business Unit

Larry Angle

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

P.O. Box 2100

Houston, TX 77252

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Gentlemen:

This office has received and reviewed your designation of successor unit operator in which your company has agreed to assume all rights, duties, and obligations as the unit operator of the Empire South Deep Unit Eddy County, New Mexico.

As your company has obtained a nationwide \$200,000.00 BLM Bond (CA0329) and all the conditions for becoming a successor unit operator have been met to the Authorized Officer's satisfaction, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., is hereby approved as the unit operator for the Empire South Deep Unit as of this date and is effective October 3, 2012.

In accordance with this approval, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. is responsible for all operations and the reporting of all production from the unit. Well signs should also reflect Chevron U.S.A. Inc. as the unit operator. Please inform all interested principles of such approval. An approved copy of this designation is enclosed.

In approving this designation, the Authorized Officer neither warrants nor certifies that the designated party has obtained all required approvals that would entitle it to conduct operations under the Empire South Deep Unit Agreement.

In addition to becoming the successor unit operator, this office requests a revised Exhibit B for the subject unit within 90 days from the receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Edward G. Fernandez, Petroleum Engineer at the Division of Lands and Minerals at (575) 234-2220.

Sincerely,



for Steve Caffey
Assistant Field Manager,
Lands and Minerals

1 Enclosure

cc:

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