

Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER

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June 17, 2011

Torch Energy Services, Inc. 1331 Lamar, Suite 1450 Houston, Texas 77010

Attn: Mr. Randy Ziebarth

Re: Notice of Termination San Juan Mesa 4-30 Unit State Exploratory Unit Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ziebarth:

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Please be advised that State of New Mexico Oil and Gas Lease Nos. V0-8006-1 and V0-8019-1 issued to NM Back Nine Exploration Partners, L.L.C. were cancelled for non-payment of rentals on June 16, 2011. A review of these leases reveals that they were within the San Juan Mesa 4-30 Exploratory Unit area.

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Pete Martinez of this office on June 16, 2011 you advised that the initial well drilled in this unit had been plugged and abandoned and you had no further plans to drill in this unit. You were also advised that the cancellation of the subject leases jeopardized control of the unit area.

In view of the above please be advised that this office has terminated the San Juan Mesa 4-30 unit agreement effective June 16, 2011.

Please notify all interested parties of this action.

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

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: Larry J. Roybal, Directo

Oil, Gas and Minerals Division (505) 827-5744 RP/LR/pm cc: Reader File, NMOCD Attention: Mr. Ed Martin TRD-Attention: Mr. Valdean Severson RMD-Attn: Mr. Kurt McFall

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