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January 10, 2017

Cimarex Energy Co.
C/o Mr. Earl E. DeBrine, Jr.
Modrall Sperling Roehl Harris & Sisk P.A.
PO Box 2168
Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

RE: Request for extension of time to complete after spud
Cottonberry 20 Federal Com Well No. 4H (API No. 30-015-43658)
Division Order R-14247 issued in Case No. 15560

Dear Mr. DeBrine:

Reference is made to your request on behalf of Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") dated December 29, 2016.

It is our understanding that Cimarex intends to spud the subject well in January of 2017 but would be unable to meet the 120-day completion requirement included in Ordering Paragraph (6) of Order No. R-14247. This is the first request for extension.

Cimarex has identified a lack of existing infrastructure for handling gas and water from this well as the reasons for needing additional time to complete and has requested an additional two months above the four months provided in the Order.

The Division has reviewed your request and hereby extends the completion time provided in this Order to complete this well, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6), to 180-days or 6-months from date of spud. All other provisions of Order No. R-14247 remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions, please contact William Jones at 505.476.3477.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David R. Catanach", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID R. CATANACH
Director

DRC/wvj

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia District Office
Case No. 15560
Well File API No. 30-015-43658