

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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**APPLICATION OF LONGFELLOW  
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**SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT  
OF SHELBI MCKEE**

1. I am the Area Commercial and Land Manager- Delaware-Texas, New Mexico Outliers and Joint Interest for ExxonMobil (“XTO”). I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein, and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have not previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”). I obtained a law degree from the University of Houston in 2006, and have 20 years of experience in petroleum land matters. A copy of my resume is attached as **Exhibit A-1**.

2. I have been directly involved in XTO’s discussions with Longfellow Energy, L.P. (“Longfellow”) regarding development of the horizontal spacing unit that is the subject of Longfellow’s application, and I am familiar with the XTO and Longfellow leases at issue within the subject acreage.

**A. Proposed Development Plan.**

3. Longfellow seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Yeso formation underlying a 320 acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit, underlying the S/2 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, in Eddy County (“Unit”).

4. Longfellow seeks to dedicate the Unit to its eight proposed one-mile horizontal Van Halen 33CD Fed Com wells (“Van Halen Wells”).

5. A plat that depicts XTO’s acreage within the Unit is attached as **Exhibit A-2**.

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Exhibit A**

6. As shown on the plat, XTO owns 100% of federal lease NMLC 000056302B, which is included in the Unit.

7. XTO's lease will terminate on July 1, 2026, if production has not been established from this lease by this date. For this reason, it is critical that a well is drilled in a timely manner so that the lease is not terminated. It is my understanding that Longfellow's lease will also terminate if production has not been established from their lease by July 1, 2026.

8. The initial exhibits submitted by Longfellow in this case identify JR Oil, Ltd, BP America Production Company, and OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership as working interest owners in the W/2 SE/4 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East. *See* Third Notice of Revised Exhibits at 35. However, this acreage was reassigned to XTO on November 1, 2010, effective January 5, 2006, and filed of record in January 2026, following the expiration of a 2004 Term Assignment from XTO to OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership ("OXY"). It is my understanding that OXY informed Longfellow about the reassignment. Therefore, XTO owns 100% of Tracts 2 and 3 of the proposed Unit, for a total of 50% working interest in the Unit.

9. Longfellow does not currently have the right to drill the proposed Van Halen Wells because it does not hold an interest in every tract it seeks to develop. This will impact the ability of both XTO and Longfellow to drill wells to hold their leases prior to the expiration deadline.

10. In a review of publicly available data, it does not appear that Longfellow has any active rigs in New Mexico. Therefore, Longfellow would not be ready to commence drilling once it receives APDs from the BLM. This makes it even less likely that Longfellow will establish production by the July 1, 2026 lease termination deadline.

**B. Longfellow has not engaged in good faith negotiations with XTO.**

11. A timeline that sets out the communications between the parties is attached as **Exhibit A-3**.

12. XTO and Longfellow have been discussing a Term Assignment for XTO's acreage since September 2025.

13. On December 27, 2025, XTO entered its appearance and objected to Longfellow's Application because the parties had not reached an agreement on the Term Assignment.

14. Following further discussions, on January 6, 2026, XTO acted in good faith in withdrawing its objection based on Longfellow's request and assurances from Longfellow that negotiations would continue, and the understanding that XTO would not be pooled.

15. XTO emailed Longfellow twice on January 7, 2026, to confirm that Longfellow would not pool XTO's interest as the parties worked toward an agreement. *See* XTO and Longfellow email correspondence attached as **Exhibit A-4** at 9, 10.

16. Longfellow never responded to XTO's inquiry. *See* Exhibit A-4.

17. On February 3, 2026, XTO and Longfellow had a meeting where Longfellow informed XTO:

- a. Longfellow had no plan to develop the Van Halen spacing unit with XTO and would let the pooling order expire;
- b. Longfellow would only develop the Van Halen spacing unit if XTO agreed to a term assignment of an unrelated lease in a different area; and
- c. Longfellow planned to drill a vertical well within its Van Halen project area to perpetuate its own lease, but would leave XTO's acreage subject to a pooling

order and unable to be timely developed so that the XTO lease would terminate.

See Exhibit A-4 at 2.

18. Longfellow has not denied that the February 3<sup>rd</sup> conversation took place. See Exhibit A-4 at 1; *see also* email entitled “Draft email to XTO counsel” attached as **Exhibit A-5**.

19. In fact, Longfellow reiterated to XTO that drilling a vertical well “would be easier to execute given the minimal cost, the ability to obtain a permit quickly, and the avoidance of the longer administrative timeline associated with the horizontal well,” and confirmed that Longfellow had “submitted an APD for a vertical [well] to hold its acreage.” Exhibit A-5 at 2.

20. Longfellow also informed XTO that “accelerating the Van Halen would involve additional expenses—such as the 12x Business Lease Charge—and carries meaningful execution and timing risk[,]” and questioned “whether such an accelerated schedule is achievable.” See email entitled “Term Assignment Offer – XTO Holdings, LLC” attached as **Exhibit A-6** at 2.

21. Despite requesting a pooling order for the entire S/2 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Longfellow remains unwilling to commit to drilling a well within XTO’s leasehold prior to the lease expiration deadline.

22. XTO’s concerns about Longfellow’s failure to ultimately follow through with the Van Halen wells are compounded by the fact that Longfellow has submitted APDs for vertical wells to maintain surrounding leaseholds in Sections 28, 29, and 30, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, as shown in BLM listing of filed APDs attached as **Exhibit A-7**.

23. The approval of Longfellow’s application would result in waste, impair XTO’s correlative rights, and would strand acreage in the S/2 SW/4 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, because it appears that Longfellow does not intend to drill these lands or have the

right to do so. Further, failure to develop the S/2 SW/4 of Section 33 would result in waste and the impairment of correlative rights because the lease would expire.

**C. Longfellow’s Well Costs are Not Reasonable.**

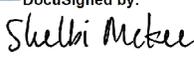
24. The estimated costs of Longfellow’s proposed Van Halen wells are not fair, nor reasonable, and are not comparable to the costs of other wells of similar length in Eddy County, as detailed in the Self-Affirmed Statement of Paul Brown.

**D. Conclusion**

25. For the reasons set out above, it is my opinion that denying Longfellow’s application would best prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and allow for prudent and timely development of wells to allow the parties to hold their respective leaseholds.

26. The attached exhibits were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.

27. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm that my testimony above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date next to my electronic signature below.

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SHELBI MCKEE

February 19, 2026  
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DATE

**Exhibit A-1**

# SHELBI M. McKEE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Exxon Mobil Corporation

#### Area Commercial and Land Manager – Delaware TX, NM Outliers and Joint Interest

Spring, TX | July 2026 – Present

- Manage operated and non-operated commercial and land portfolio of Delaware Texas and non-Federal unit operated areas of New Mexico.
- Oversee commercial and land aspects of unconventional non-operated portfolio, including trades of non-operated assets and other commercial agreements for unconventional assets.

#### Joint Interest Commercial and Land Advisor

Spring, TX | July 2022 – July 2026

- Coordinate and negotiate commercial and land aspects of unconventional non-operated portfolio, including trades and other commercial agreements for unconventional assets.
- Advise technical teams of potential deal structures to optimize value from new non-operated developments.

#### Joint Interest Commercial and Land Advisor

Spring, TX | July 2022 – July 2026

- Coordinate and negotiate commercial and land aspects of unconventional non-operated portfolio, including trades and other commercial agreements for unconventional assets.
- Advise technical teams of potential deal structures to optimize value from new non-operated developments.

#### Negotiator – Americas Infrastructure, Upstream Oil & Gas

Spring, TX | Feb 2020 – July 2022

- Design, negotiate, and manage gas gathering agreements with midstream partners to ensure gas flow assurance for Midland Basin and Central Basin Platform assets.
- Manage and strengthen third-party midstream relationships to support operational reliability and commercial value.
- Collaborate with Unconventional Facilities & Operations, F&L, and Global Gas Optimization teams to enhance value across the residue gas and NGL value chain.

#### Land Team Lead – C&TI Americas Commercial, Upstream Business Development

Spring, TX | Apr 2019 – Apr 2020

- Led the Commercial and Scouting team supporting Gulf of Mexico and Alaska business development initiatives.
- Designed and negotiated complex commercial frameworks and agreements.
- Cultivated and managed key external relationships to support new opportunity capture and long-term business objectives.

## Exhibit A-1

### Staff Land Representative – Commercial Land, Exploration

Spring, TX | Dec 2016 – Apr 2020

- Developed and negotiated commercial agreements related to exploration opportunities and joint ventures.
- Optimized and protected value through strategic contract design and commercial support.
- Built and managed external partnerships to support exploration and early-stage commercial efforts.

### Professional Development Advisor – Upstream Commercial Resources

Spring, TX | Jun 2015 – Apr 2020

- Provided career development, skill assessment, and training guidance for Upstream Commercial personnel and leadership.
- Supported organizational capability building and talent pipeline development.

### Land Representative – US Production Offshore / Eastern Land

Houston, TX | Dec 2009 – Sep 2017

- Stewarded offshore production assets and associated commercial agreements including leases, JOAs, PHAs, and unitization agreements.
- Conducted contract analysis, property rights conveyance, and external stakeholder negotiation.
- Supported operations and asset value through high-quality land and contract management.

### Land Representative – US Production Central Land

Houston, TX | Sep 2006 – March 2008 and December 2009 - Sep 2017

- Managed land and commercial responsibilities for Central U.S. production assets.
- Negotiated and stewarded leases, JOAs, unitization agreements, and production-related contracts.
- Facilitated acquisition and conveyance processes and maintained strong external relationships.

## Devon Energy

Oklahoma City, OK | March 2008 –December 2009

### Landman – Barnett Shale

- Managed research of land ownership and cleared title for horizontal shale development.
- Collaborated with technical team to maintain aggressive drilling schedule with over ten rigs in Johnson County, TX.
- Negotiated and stewarded leases, JOAs and production sharing agreements.

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD), University of Houston Law Center, 2006

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Texas A&M University – College Station, 2000



### Exhibit A-3

#### Longfellow Van Halen Communication Timeline

08/11/2025 - XTO Land Department received 8 Van Halen well proposals for the South Half of 33-16S-31E via mail from Longfellow.

08/19/2025 - XTO (Chad Smith) emailed Longfellow requesting confirmation of Working Interest and Net Revenue Interest; Longfellow responded

09/29/2025 - XTO (Chad Smith) called Longfellow (Stuart Gaston) to request a Term Assignment Option for the acreage. He followed up with an internal email describing terms discussed (\$3,000/net acre).

10/16/2025 - Longfellow (Rebecca English) emailed Term Assignment offer to XTO (Aaron Norwood, Jackson Dean and Shelbi McKee with Chad Smith in copy).

10/16/2025 – XTO (Aaron Norwood) replied to term assignment letter requesting proposed development plan for our review of the proposal.

10/28/2025 - Longfellow (Rebecca English) emailed Aaron Norwood and Jarod Rolland to inquire about minimum royalty payment due on leases.

10/29/2025 – Phone call between Rebecca English and Aaron Norwood regarding lease expirations

01/07/2026 – XTO (Aaron Norwood) emailed Longfellow (Rebecca English) confirming removal of protest and requesting confirmation that XTO be removed from CP order as alternate commercial arrangements are made (**Exhibit A-4**).

01/08/2026 - Longfellow (Rebecca English) responds requesting in-person meeting with XTO the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

01/08/2026 - XTO (Shelbi McKee) responds to agree to meeting and reiterates XTO's position to not be included in Van Halen CP order.

02/03/2026 – Longfellow and XTO meet at ExxonMobil Houston Campus

#### Meeting Attendees:

##### XTO

Dylan Boyer, Joint Interest Lead

Bryan Cifuentes, Commercial and Land Advisor

Suzanne Spahr, Commercial and Land Advisor

Chad Smith, Commercial and Land Advisor

Don Dollar, Commercial Land Lead

Shelbi McKee, Area Commercial and Land Manager

##### Longfellow

Rebecca English, Vice President, Land

Stuart Gaston, Senior Landman

Jack Mercer, Landman

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### Exhibit A-3

02/04/2026 - XTO (Shelbi McKee and Suzanne Spahr) call Longfellow (Rebecca English) to advise of intent to oppose the Van Halen CD development at the February 5<sup>th</sup> hearing.

02/06/2026 – XTO (Suzanne Spahr) emailed Longfellow to reiterate reasons for objecting to Longfellow’s Van Halen development

02/06/2026 - Longfellow (Stuart Gaston) emails offer to participate, JOA and updated AFE to XTO.

02/09/2026 – Longfellow (Rebecca English) replies to XTO 2/6 email, adding a timeline and details of communications, reinforcing Longfellow’s position that a vertical well is more expeditious and less costly than the proposed Van Halen CD development **plan (Exhibit A-6)**.

02/13/2026 - Longfellow (Rebecca English) and XTO (Shelbi McKee) spoke over phone call to discuss the merits of each party separately pursuing alternate paths for their respective leases to ensure timely production. During this call, Longfellow mentions the compulsory pooling of XTO’s lease in Van Halen AB and subsequently sent communication from counsel stating Longfellow’s openness to various options for development **(Exhibit A-5)**.

02/16/2026 – Longfellow (Rebecca English) called XTO (Shelbi McKee) to discuss a trade proposal and followed up with email. During the phone call, XTO also discusses a different trade proposal concept.

02/17/2026 – Longfellow (Rebecca English) emailed stating that Longfellow prefers to move forward with its trade proposal concept giving Longfellow more working interest in Van Halen CD and XTO more interest in Van Halen AB due to permitting timelines.

02/19/2026 – XTO (Shelbi McKee) responds with alternative proposal

**McKee, Shelbi M**

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**From:** Rebecca English <rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 3:41 PM  
**To:** Boyer, Dylan W; McKee, Shelbi M  
**Cc:** Smith, Chad D; Jack Mercer; Stuart Gaston; Norwood, Aaron A  
**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

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We will take it! We will get flight arrangements but we can plan to be there by 10-10:30 am if that works for y'all.



**Rebecca L. English**  
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**From:** Boyer, Dylan W <dylan.w.boyer@exxonmobil.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 3:27 PM  
**To:** McKee, Shelbi M <shelbi.m.mckee@exxonmobil.com>; Rebecca English <rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com>  
**Cc:** Smith, Chad D <chad.d.smith@exxonmobil.com>; Jack Mercer <jack.mercer@longfellowenergy.com>; Stuart Gaston <stuart.gaston@longfellowenergy.com>; Norwood, Aaron A <aaron.norwood@exxonmobil.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Good afternoon Becca - I hope you're doing well! It looks like we're available during the week of the 26th. Monday and Friday are the most open on our end, and the only day that's completely unavailable is Tuesday.

Please let me know what works best for your schedule, and if you could share a list of attendees from Longfellow, we'll arrange the visitor passes.

Have a good weekend!

**Dylan W. Boyer**  
**Joint Interest Land Coordinator**  
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**From:** McKee, Shelbi M <[shelbi.m.mckee@exxonmobil.com](mailto:shelbi.m.mckee@exxonmobil.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rebecca English <[rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com](mailto:rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com)>

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for the update, and I hope things went well for Longfellow today. We do prefer to work an agreement rather than being subject to an order.

Dylan – do you mind checking schedules with the Delaware Joint Interest Leads for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> and let Rebecca know what works best? We'll be happy to see you face around here, again, Rebecca!

Shelbi McKee

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**From:** Rebecca English <[rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com](mailto:rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:23 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Hey guys –

Great to be working with you guys on this. Hope everyone had a great holiday.

Yes, we did get the notice of the removal of protest. I can't thank y'all enough for helping out with that. We know that we will be doing an agreement with you, so it is paramount we get the CPO knocked out today. I think we are number 17 on the docket today if you want to listen in.

We had a very productive meeting yesterday in which we *think* we came up with a solution to the Acacia Unit problem that would hold both our and XTO's leases.

We are going to come down to Houston to meet with you guys and Oxy and show you our proposed operations. It involves drilling both vertical and horizontal wells, so we want to lay it out for you. Can we get scheduled with y'all for an hour meeting or so on your campus? I miss Shade so much, I'll probably try to have lunch with Greg et al while I'm there. Maybe a morning meeting and then we can head to Oxy in the afternoon. Do you have any availability next week or the week of the 26-30<sup>th</sup>?



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**From:** Norwood, Aaron A <[aaron.norwood@exxonmobil.com](mailto:aaron.norwood@exxonmobil.com)>  
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**To:** Rebecca English <[rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com](mailto:rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com)>  
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**Subject:** Van Halen - Pooling

Hi Rebecca!

Happy New Year! I wanted to make sure you received our outside counsel's removal of our protest on Van Halen. Additionally, would you confirm Longfellow would be removing us from the order as we work through other commercial arrangements.

Looping in Dylan Boyer who is the Landman on Shelbi's team helping with OBO Commercial Agreements.

Thanks,

**Aaron Norwood**  
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**From:** Rebecca English <rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2026 9:37 AM  
**To:** McKee, Shelbi M  
**Subject:** FW: Draft email to XTO counsel

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FYI – thanks Shelbi



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**From:** Shaheen, Sharon <sshahen@spencerfane.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 1:11 PM  
**To:** Rebecca English <rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com>  
**Subject:** Draft email to XTO counsel

Rebecca, my apologies for the back and forth, but I revised your email to reflect that it is coming from me to XTO counsel, rather than from you to me. Please let me know if you have any changes.

Jackie,

Thanks for reaching out this morning. I've spoken with Longfellow about XTO's proposal regarding vertical wells that you and I discussed this morning. Below is Longfellow's position at this time. FYI--I also attach Longfellow's most recent emails to XTO about this project. I'm happy to discuss further if it would be helpful

Longfellow remains open to preserving optionality with XTO. Longfellow previously proposed a term assignment, participation under a JOA, or a combination of both with respect to the Van Halen CD horizontal wells, and Longfellow would also be willing to consider the vertical well proposal.

Longfellow understands that XTO believes Longfellow would prefer to drill the vertical well, based on prior discussions that a vertical would be easier to execute given the minimal cost, the ability to obtain a permit quickly, and the avoidance of the longer administrative timeline associated with the horizontal well. To clarify, while Longfellow recognizes those practical considerations and has submitted an APD for a vertical to hold its acreage, Longfellow's preference continues to be drilling the horizontal well.

That said, if XTO would prefer to drill its own vertical well to hold its acreage, Longfellow is open to having that conversation. At this point, Longfellow is open to any of the three options—drilling the vertical well, proceeding under a JOA, or pursuing the term assignment. Longfellow's focus is ensuring that the acreage is held and preserving the development. Longfellow's goal is to work collaboratively with XOM and maintain a positive, constructive relationship.

Thanks,  
Sharon

**Sharon Shaheen** Partner  
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**McKee, Shelbi M**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 9, 2026 3:09 PM  
**To:** Spahr, Suzanne; McKee, Shelbi M; Jack Mercer; Stuart Gaston; Boyer, Dylan W  
**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling  
**Attachments:** Term Assignment Offer- XTO Holdings, LLC - Eddy Co., NM.pdf; XTO Leasehold in Eddy County; Longfellow Energy TA Proposal

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Suzanne,

Thank you for outlining the timeline and facts. We appreciate your clarification on ExxonMobil's position. We agree with the timeline you detail with the exception of a few things, which I have added or distinguished in blue below.

- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Longfellow sent ExxonMobil an offer to execute a Term Assignment covering the S/2SW/4 of Section 33, T16S, R31E and the SE/4 of Section 1, T18S, R27E. Both of these tracts were in the same offer letter. The letter and email are attached.
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Longfellow contacted ExxonMobil to highlight the emerging concern regarding the North Square Lake lease expirations. In that communication Longfellow noted its vested interest in advancing development in this area and expressed a desire to pursue a potential agreement. This email also requested that both parties temporarily set aside the Term Assignment proposal dated October 16, 2025, in order to focus on addressing the broader issue related to the Unit. Importantly, Longfellow initiated this outreach in good faith to ensure ExxonMobil was aware that its leases were at risk of expiration, despite having no obligation to provide such notice.
- On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Longfellow held a phone call with ExxonMobil to discuss the North Square Lake lease expirations in greater detail. During that conversation, both parties agreed to place the Term Assignment offer on hold while they worked to gain a clearer understanding of the unit-related issues.
- XTO and Longfellow had been discussing a potential term assignment of XTO's acreage in the S/2 Sec. 33, as well as in the SE/4 of Section 1, T18S, R28E. See above correspondence from Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On January 6, 2026, XTO, acting in good faith, withdrew its protest to the CP application based on Longfellow's request and assurances that negotiations for a term assignment would continue. The conversation on removing the protest was not limited to a term assignment, but discussed in a broader "deal," whatever that may be.
- In the February 3 meeting, Longfellow informed ExxonMobil that (1) it would not pursue development of Van Halen with ExxonMobil as a working interest participant under a compulsory pooling order, and (2) it would only develop Van Halen if ExxonMobil agreed to a term assignment of an unrelated lease in a different area. Instead of developing Van Halen, Longfellow planned to drill a vertical well elsewhere on its leasehold to perpetuate its own lease, leaving ExxonMobil's lease in S/2 Sec. 33 subject to compulsory pooling and unable to be timely developed by anyone other than Longfellow.
  - I'd like to add additional context to the in-person meeting -
  - Longfellow's proposed deal in the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was as follows:
    - ExxonMobil assign Longfellow either 100% of their interest or partial percentage of their interest in the S/2 of Section 33. Longfellow drills the Van Halen well, holds all 800 acres for ExxonMobil, and ExxonMobil and Longfellow go 50/50 on the remaining 640 acres with ExxonMobil having the option to participate or not on the future development.
      - Longfellow further attempted to glean from ExxonMobil whether or not they want to participate in the Van Halen by asking the question – "do you want working interest,

or do you want barrels?” The answer was “it depends.” Longfellow asked that question to determine if ExxonMobil’s desire is to retain an interest in the Van Halen or assign 100%.

- Additionally, ExxonMobil would assign 100% of their interest in the SE4 of Section 1, T18S, R27E, as discussed in the original Term Assignment offer. ExxonMobil would retain a 2.5% ORRI and Longfellow offered to put the term on the Section 1 interest to get development faster.
- ExxonMobil declined this deal offer.
- Longfellow informed ExxonMobil that we have applied for multiple units as well as multiple vertical wells with the appropriate regulatory bodies.
- Longfellow discussed that we are already drilling 5 vertical wells to hold our acreage in other sections, including certain third-party acreage. Additionally, Longfellow advised ExxonMobil that we could elect to drill a vertical well in Section 33 to satisfy leasehold obligations at a cost materially lower than drilling the Van Halen. Longfellow further emphasized that accelerating the Van Halen would involve additional expenses—such as the 12x Business Lease Charge—and carries meaningful execution and timing risk. The question remains whether such an accelerated schedule is achievable.
- At no time did Longfellow state that it would decline to pursue development of the Van Halen with ExxonMobil as a working interest partner, nor did we state that development would occur only if ExxonMobil agreed to a term assignment. We did, however, make it clear that if ExxonMobil is not prepared to proceed on the terms we proposed, Longfellow would need to revisit the matter internally and determine the approach that best aligns with Longfellow’s overall interests.
- The meeting concluded with ExxonMobil stating that they could contact Mack, a third-party operator, to request that Mack re-permit its already-approved wells located in the section immediately west of the Van Halen—specifically in the S/2 of Section 32—to penetrate and produce from ExxonMobil’s leasehold in Section 33.
  - We have since been informed that ExxonMobil has indeed made this request from Mack, presumably under the same or similar terms in which Longfellow requested from ExxonMobil for the Van Halen.
- On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, ExxonMobil requested a call with Longfellow to provide Longfellow the courtesy of notifying us that they intended to protest our pooling hearing. During that discussion, I informed both Shelbi McKee and Suzanne Spahr that given their concerns with our previously proposed transaction structure, Longfellow remained fully open to having ExxonMobil participate as a working interest owner in the Van Halen unit with the entirety of their interest as a JOA participant. I also conveyed that Longfellow would propose a revised term assignment. Further, I offered to provide written confirmation of a proposal, which would include a JOA and Term Assignment in exchange for withdrawal of the protest. ExxonMobil declined.

Lastly, on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Stuart provided the AFE, a proposed JOA form, and an updated Term Assignment. Collectively, these materials demonstrate Longfellow’s willingness to offer ExxonMobil multiple paths forward, including the opportunity to participate with its interest, divest its interest, or pursue a combination of both. We hope these terms are acceptable and that we can reach an agreement that is mutually beneficial.

Given our ongoing relationship and prior business dealings, it would be productive to schedule another call to address any remaining questions or clarify any points related to this offer once you guys have had a chance to have the Area Team review. As always, we appreciate your attention to this and hope this get both parties where we need to be to move forward.

Rebecca



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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Rebecca and team,

Following up on our phone conversation on February 4<sup>th</sup>, XTO filed an appearance and protest at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Van Halen Compulsory Pooling of S/2 Sec. 33, 16S-31E for the following reasons:

- XTO and Longfellow had been discussing a potential term assignment of XTO's acreage in the S/2 Sec. 33.
- On January 6, 2026, XTO, acting in good faith, withdrew its protest to the CP application based on Longfellow's request and assurances that negotiations for a term assignment would continue.
- In the February 3 meeting, Longfellow informed ExxonMobil that (1) it would not pursue development of Van Halen with ExxonMobil as a working interest participant under a compulsory pooling order, and (2) it would only develop Van Halen if ExxonMobil agreed to a term assignment of an unrelated lease in a different area. Instead of developing Van Halen, Longfellow planned to drill a vertical well elsewhere on its leasehold to perpetuate its own lease, leaving ExxonMobil's lease in S/2 Sec. 33 subject to compulsory pooling and unable to be timely developed by anyone other than Longfellow.

Given the timing drivers in this area understood and outlined to ExxonMobil by Longfellow, it is not in ExxonMobil's best interest to allow acreage to be compulsory pooled that is not intended to be developed within a timeframe to maintain its leasehold.

We look forward to receiving the Van Halen AFE and a revised Term Assignment proposal so that ExxonMobil may continue evaluation and discussions with Longfellow.

**Suzanne Spahr, CPL**

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Thank you, Rebecca.

Looking forward to hearing from you Jack and Stu.

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Good morning Shelbi and Suzanne,

Sounds like we are on the docket for a contested hearing February 26<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we are working on getting you guys the AFE for the Van Halen well, as well a Term Assignment proposal. I've cced Jack and Stu on this email, so they can communicate as we get the information from the team.



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**Cc:** Spahr, Suzanne <[suzanne.spahr@exxonmobil.com](mailto:suzanne.spahr@exxonmobil.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Van Halen - Pooling

Thanks, Rebecca. Will do, and I will probably call from my personal cell (405-650-2310) as my work phone is almost dead.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2026, at 11:28 AM, Rebecca English <[rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com](mailto:rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com)> wrote:

Yes, that works great. I might be driving in the car to my lunch meeting, but don't mind that. Call my cell phone – 405-550-0214.

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**Cc:** Spahr, Suzanne <[suzanne.spahr@exxonmobil.com](mailto:suzanne.spahr@exxonmobil.com)>  
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Understandable. I can step out of a meeting and call you at 11:45 if that works.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2026, at 10:54 AM, Rebecca English <[rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com](mailto:rebecca.english@longfellowenergy.com)> wrote:

Hey Shelbi,

Yes, certainly we can talk today. I have a lunch meeting at 12 and then a meeting with Malone at 1:30. Another meeting at 2:30. This afternoon is slammed. I am working on getting something out the door right now, but as soon as its finished I would be happy to give y'all a call? Maybe we could catch each other before 12?

If not, then anytime after 3:30 would work great. Or I'd be happy to step out of the first part of my meeting at 2:30 to chat if that works.

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Hi Rebecca,

We'd like to follow-up with you on some of the potential paths forward presented by Longfellow yesterday. Are you available for a call today? 12:30 or 1:30 works for us.

Thank you,  
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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Thank you for confirming. I will schedule the meeting for **Monday, January 26th, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM**. We look forward to hosting you.

Thanks,

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Sorry, I meant we can plan to be there between 10 and 10:30. Let's have an hour meeting if that works for y'all. Let's do 10:30 to give us grace for weather, etc. 10:30-11:30 if that works for y'all. I'll probably stick around and grab lunch with Greg and Jackson if y'all will allow.

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Monday 10-10:30am?

Thanks,

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We will take it! We will get flight arrangements but we can plan to be there by 10-10:30 am if that works for y'all.

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Good afternoon Becca - I hope you're doing well! It looks like we're available during the week of the 26th. Monday and Friday are the most open on our end, and the only day that's completely unavailable is Tuesday.

Please let me know what works best for your schedule, and if you could share a list of attendees from Longfellow, we'll arrange the visitor passes.

Have a good weekend!

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**Subject:** RE: Van Halen - Pooling

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for the update, and I hope things went well for Longfellow today. We do prefer to work an agreement rather than being subject to an order.

Dylan – do you mind checking schedules with the Delaware Joint Interest Leads for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> and let Rebecca know what works best? We'll be happy to see you face around here, again, Rebecca!

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Hey guys –

Great to be working with you guys on this. Hope everyone had a great holiday.

Yes, we did get the notice of the removal of protest. I can't thank y'all enough for helping out with that. We know that we will be doing an agreement with you, so it is paramount we get the CPO knocked out today. I think we are number 17 on the docket today if you want to listen in.

We had a very productive meeting yesterday in which we *think* we came up with a solution to the Acacia Unit problem that would hold both our and XTO's leases.

We are going to come down to Houston to meet with you guys and Oxy and show you our proposed operations. It involves drilling both vertical and horizontal wells, so we want to lay it out for you. Can we get scheduled with y'all for an hour meeting or so on your campus? I miss Shade so much, I'll probably try to have lunch with Greg et al while I'm there. Maybe a morning meeting and then we can head to Oxy in the afternoon. Do you have any availability next week or the week of the 26-30<sup>th</sup>?

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**Subject:** Van Halen - Pooling

Hi Rebecca!

Happy New Year! I wanted to make sure you received our outside counsel's removal of our protest on Van Halen. Additionally, would you confirm Longfellow would be removing us from the order as we work through other commercial arrangements.

Looping in Dylan Boyer who is the Landman on Shelbi's team helping with OBO Commercial Agreements.

Thanks,

**Aaron Norwood**

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**Exhibit A-7**

BLM Admin State	Field Office	Federal Lease Number	Operator	Well Name	Well Number	State	Meridian	County	Township	Range	Section	Aliquot	Lot	Tract	Latitude	Longitude	SMA	Application Type	Application Received/Posted Date
NEW MEXICO	Carlsbad Field Office	NMLC060723	LONGFELLOW ENERGY LP	ALLMAN 29V FEDERAL	001	NM	NMP	EDDY	16S	31E	29	NESW			32.8915282	-103.8943016	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	APD	2/12/2026
NEW MEXICO	Carlsbad Field Office	NMNM75501	LONGFELLOW ENERGY LP	ALLMAN 29V FEDERAL	002	NM	NMP	EDDY	16S	31E	29	SENW			32.8936246	-103.895042	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	APD	2/12/2026
NEW MEXICO	Carlsbad Field Office	NMNM71796	LONGFELLOW ENERGY LP	ALLMAN 29V FEDERAL	003	NM	NMP	LEA	16S	31E	29	SESE			32.8866842	-103.8865108	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	APD	2/12/2026
NEW MEXICO	Carlsbad Field Office	NMLC060971	LONGFELLOW ENERGY LP	ALLMAN 30V FEDERAL	001	NM	NMP	EDDY	16S	31E	30	SESE			32.8879901	-103.9032406	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	APD	2/12/2026
NEW MEXICO	Carlsbad Field Office	NMLC063105	LONGFELLOW ENERGY LP	FOGERTY 28V FEDERAL	001	NM	NMP	EDDY	16S	31E	28	SESW			32.8868574	-103.8779752	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	APD	2/12/2026

**XTO Holdings, LLC**  
**Case No. 25804**  
**Exhibit A-7**



This grid represents a standard section. You may superimpose a non-standard section, or larger area, over this grid. Operators must outline the dedicated acreage in a red box, clearly show the well surface location and bottom hole location, if it is directionally drilled, with the dimensions from the section lines in the cardinal directions. If this is a horizontal wellbore show on this plat the location of the First Take Point and Last Take Point, and the point within the Completed interval (other than the First Take Point or Last Take Point) that is closest to any outer boundary of the tract.

Surveyors shall use the latest United States government survey or dependent resurvey. Well locations will be in reference to the New Mexico Principal Meridian. If the land is not surveyed, contact the OCD Engineering Bureau. Independent subdivision surveys will not be acceptable.

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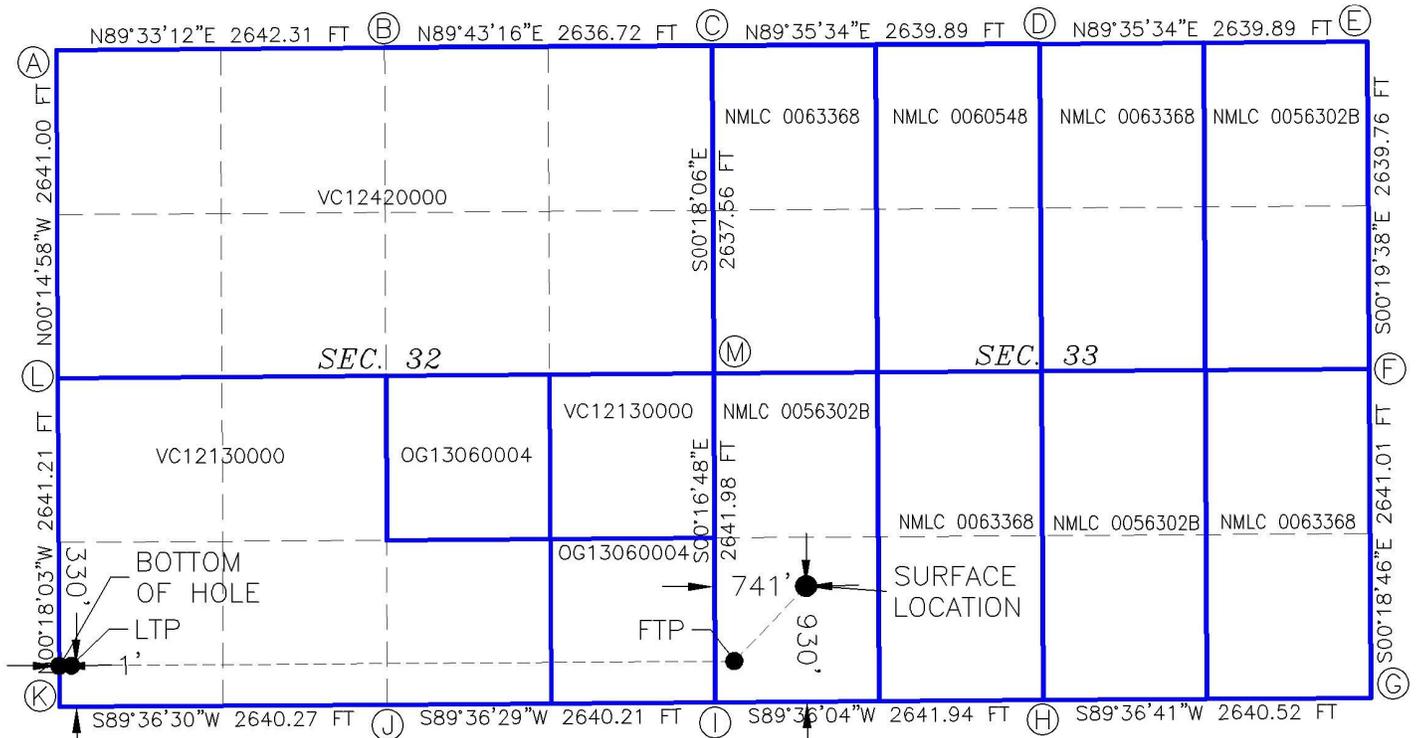
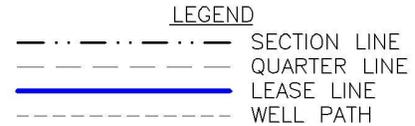
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FIRST TAKE POINT (PPP 1)  
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 E.= 679655.06  
 LAT. = 32.8717329°N  
 LONG. = 103.8828179°W



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF LONGFELLOW  
ENERGY, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 25804**

**SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT  
OF PAUL BROWN**

1. I am employed by ExxonMobil (“XTO”) as a Senior Geoscience Advisor. I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein, and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have not previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”). I have Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of California and have been with ExxonMobil since 1998 working as a geologist. A copy of my biography is attached as **Exhibit B-1**.

2. I am familiar with the technical subsurface matters that pertain to the above-referenced applications.

**A. Proposed Development Plan.**

3. Longfellow seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Yeso formation underlying a 320 acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit, underlying the S/2 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, in Eddy County (“Unit”).

4. Longfellow seeks to dedicate the Unit to its eight proposed one-mile horizontal Van Halen 33CD Fed Com wells (“Van Halen Wells”).

5. XTO owns 100% of federal lease NMLC 000056302B, which is included in the Unit.

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Case No. 25804  
Exhibit B**

6. XTO's lease will terminate on July 1, 2026, if production has not been established from this lease by this date. To avoid termination of the lease, it is critical that a well is drilled in a timely manner. It is my understanding that Longfellow's lease will also terminate if production has not been established from their lease by July 1, 2026.

7. Development of this spacing unit with eight (8) one-mile laterals is not prudent or efficient and results in:

- a. Overly dense depletion at 16 wells per section, compared to existing horizontal developments to the south at 8 wells per section or less. Tighter well spacing is not warranted for this play step-out north of developed areas due to increased reservoir quality risk.
- b. An estimated additional cost of over \$500,000 for approximately 2,000 feet of unproductive lateral due to the surface hole location in Section 32. This leads to monetary waste and anti-collision drilling risk to develop later. **Exhibit B-2** is Longfellow's plat of the spacing unit, which shows the surface hole location far removed from the first take point.

8. **Exhibit B-3** sets out Longfellow's drilling, completion and facilities cost compared to other operators in the Yeso trend. Longfellow's proposed AFE costs for the Van Halen Wells are significantly more per foot of lateral length than other operators in the Yeso. Further, Longfellow's recent 2-well Ozzy project overran AFEs by 22% totaling \$3.782M over budget, while other Yeso AFEs have been executed within 5% of budget. As shown in the exhibit, Longfellow's proposal is not capital-efficient for working interest owners.

9. The proposed 1-mi horizontal development is less capital-efficient than extended

lateral wells of 1.5 mi or more across the three adjacent undeveloped sections 32, 33 and 34.

**Exhibit B-4** depicts the area that XTO proposes could be developed more efficiently with extended laterals and fewer surface locations. The lease could be preserved by either an initial lateral well or vertical well to later develop the area more optimally.

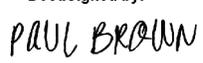
**B. Conclusion**

10. Based on the above information and analysis, it is my opinion that Longfellow’s proposed Van Halen development will not produce the underlying reserves effectively or efficiently.

11. For the reasons set out above, it is my opinion that granting Longfellow’s applications will result in waste, violate correlative rights, and drilling of unnecessary wells.

12. The attached exhibits were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.

13. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm my testimony above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date identified next to my signature below.

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Paul Brown

February 19, 2026  
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Date



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## Biography of Paul Brown

Mr. Brown graduated from the University of California with Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Geological Sciences. He worked as an engineering geologist for Leighton and Associates, Inc. in California before joining Exxon in 1998.

From 1998 to 2003, Mr. Brown held exploration and production geoscience positions based in Houston and New Orleans for the Gulf of Mexico, Trinidad, California, and Nigeria.

In 2003, he moved to ExxonMobil Development Company, first as geoscience lead for a Nigeria deep-water project, then as North Caspian Supervisor for Kashagan and Tengiz fields, Kazakhstan.

In 2008, Mr. Brown moved to ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company as Planning Advisor for global geoscience research activities.

From 2010 to 2012, as South America Project Manager at ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Mr. Brown was responsible for onshore and deep-water operations in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Guyana.

Mr. Brown became Production Geoscience Advisor for the Americas in 2012; his regional duties were expanded in 2013 to also include Europe, Russia, and the Caspian region.

Mr. Brown was seconded twice from 2014 to 2021, first to BP, then to Hilcorp, in Anchorage, Alaska as New Well Delivery Team Leader and Regional Reservoir Development Leader for Prudhoe Bay Field.

Between Alaska assignments in 2018/19, he returned to Houston as Africa Geoscience Supervisor at ExxonMobil Development, responsible for LNG and deep-water projects in Mozambique, Angola, and Tanzania.

Mr. Brown assumed his current Houston-based role at XTO Energy (ExxonMobil Unconventional) in 2022 as Senior Geoscience Advisor and Joint Interest Lead for New Mexico.

VAN HALEN 33CD FED COM 008H  
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GEODETIC COORDINATES

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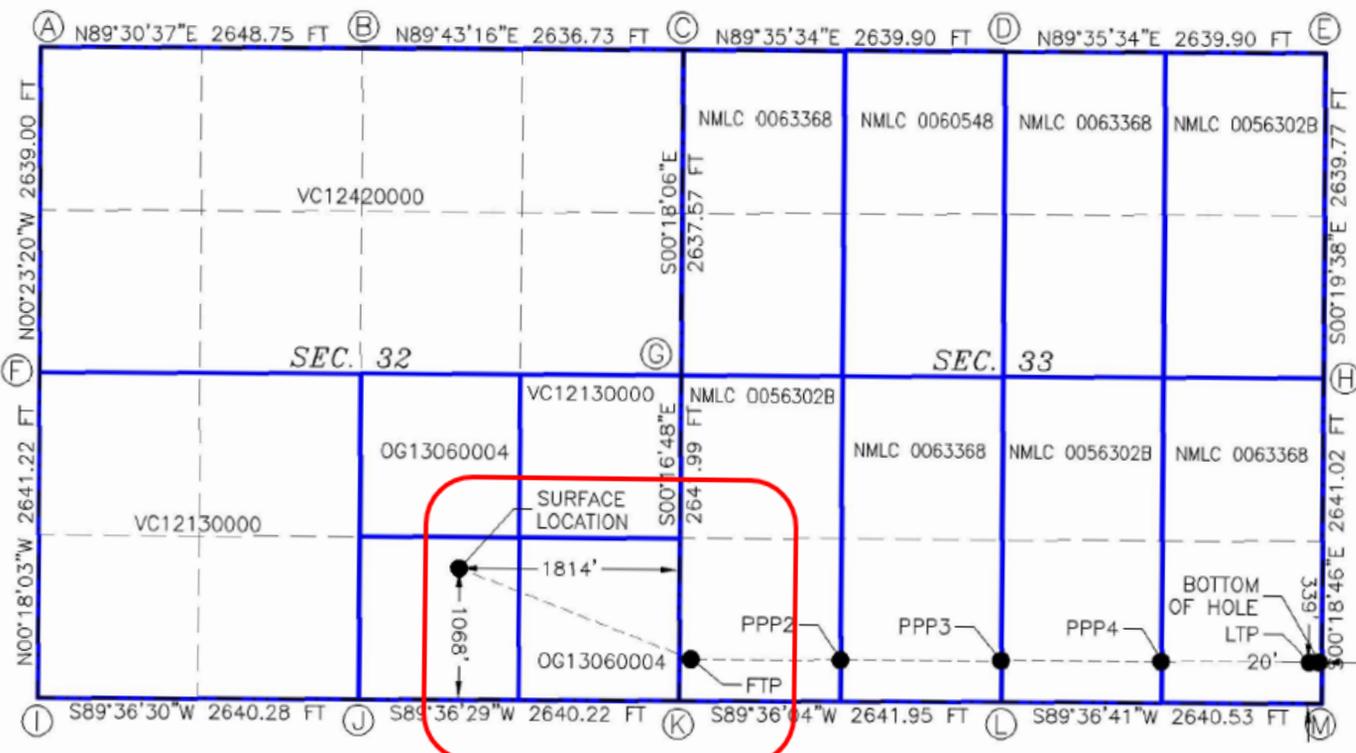
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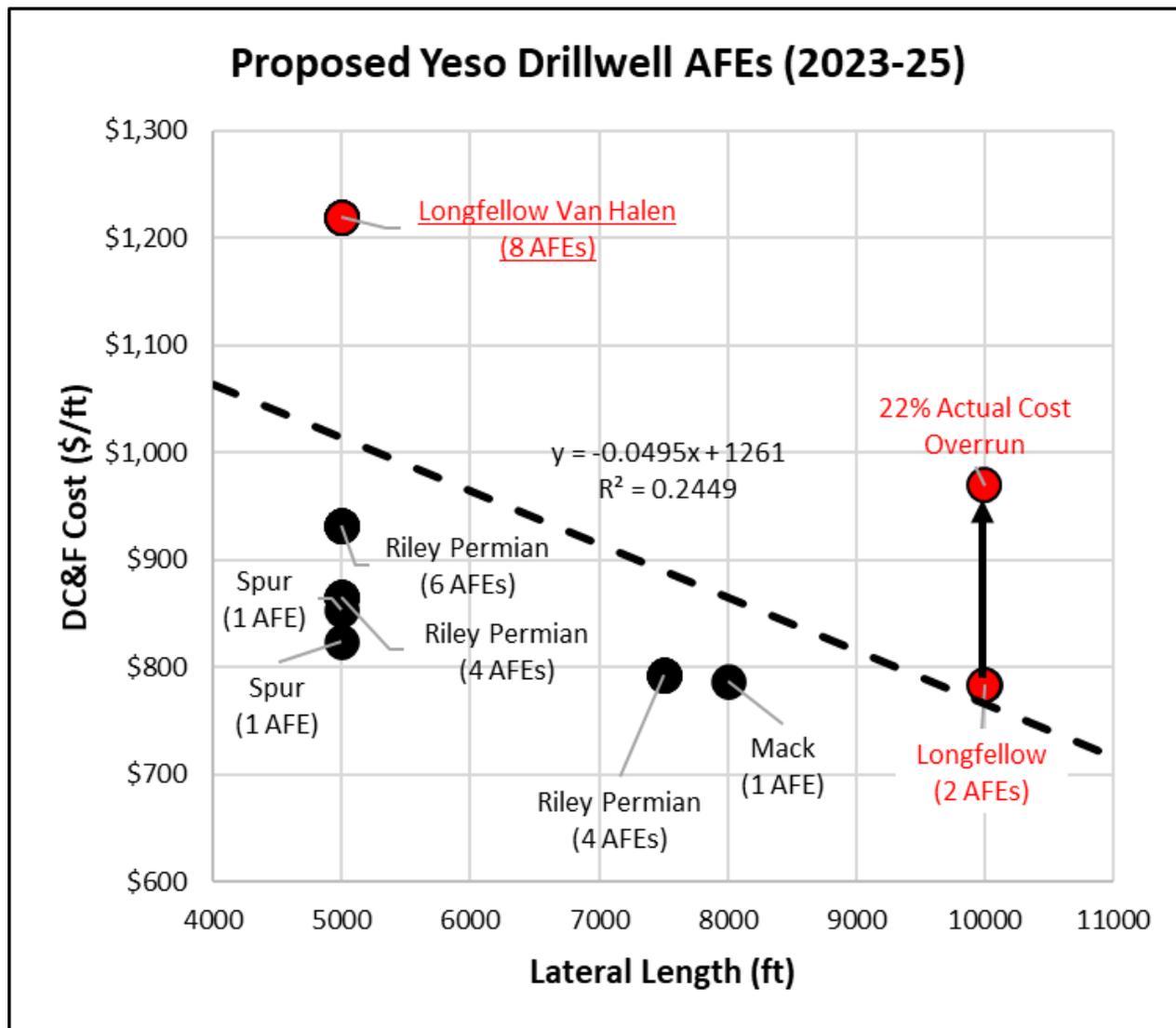
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LEGEND

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- - - QUARTER LINE
- LEASE LINE
- WELL PATH

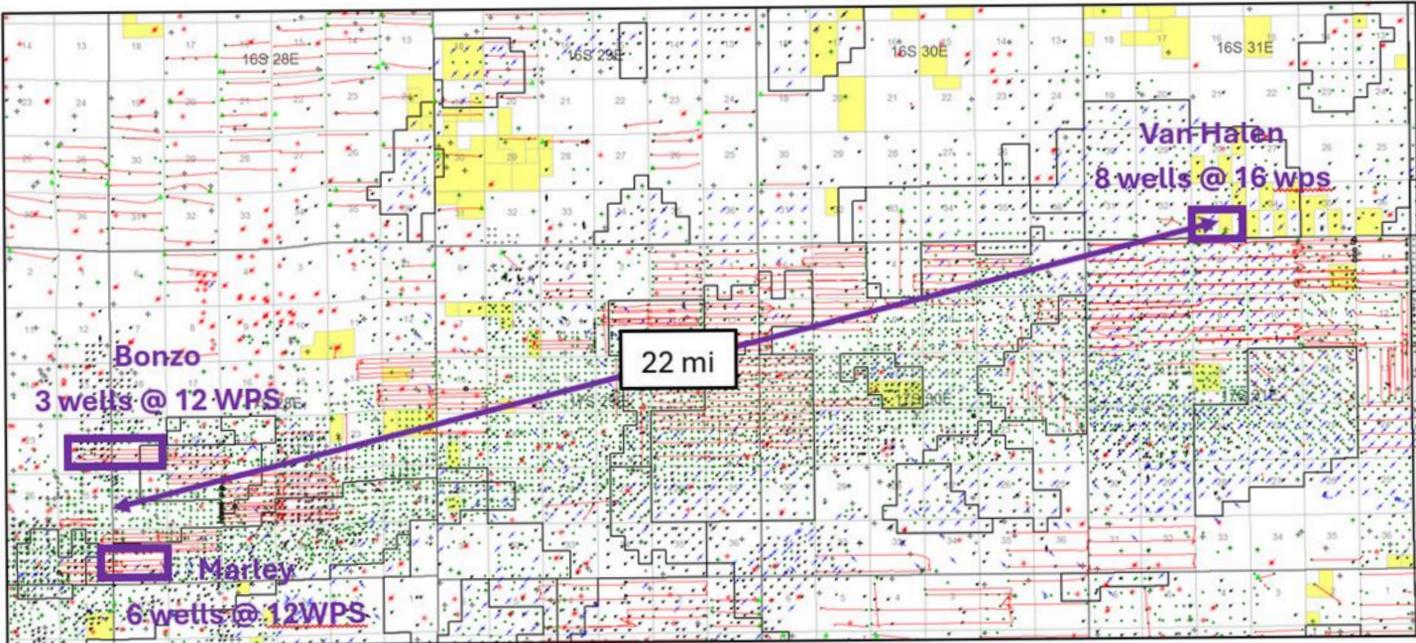


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