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Administrative Order NSL-4866

Dear Ms. Husband:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) on December 23, 2002 (*administrative application reference No. pKRV0-235835106*); (ii) the Division’s various correspondences to you regarding this application from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer with the Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico, by letter or e-mail dated December 27, 2002, January 8, 14, 17, 28, and 31, and April 17, 2003; (iii) your responses or inquiries concerning this application by mailing, telefax, or e-mail dated January 8, 14, 21, 24, and 31, February 11, 12, and 18, March 3, and April 15, 2003; (iv) the Division’s records in Santa Fe and Hobbs, including the files on Division Administrative Order DHC-3086, dated December 12, 2002, NMOCD Correspondence Reference No. SD-03-01, dated January 8, 2003, and Division Order No. R-4166, issued in Case No. 4564 on July 7, 1971: all concerning Saga Petroleum L.L.C.’s (“Saga”) request for a non-standard wildcat Tubb gas well location for its existing Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35960), located 2110 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

In accordance with Division Rule 104.C (3), revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, the SE/4 of Section 33, being a standard 160-acre shallow gas spacing unit, is to be dedicated to this well.

It is our understanding that this well was initially drilled to a total depth of 7,025 feet in September, 2002 for the Drinkard and Blinebry formations; however, gas was encountered in the Tubb formation. This location was considered to be standard within the: (i) Hobbs-Drinkard Pool (31730), pursuant to **Rule 4** of the “*Special Rules and Regulations for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool*,” as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3811, as amended, within a previously approved non-standard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) and NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 33; and (ii) Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool (31680) within a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 33.

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This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, as revised.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox Tubb gas well location for the Conoco State Well No. 3 is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,



Lori Wrottenbery
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe
File: Administrative Order DHC-3086
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