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Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

Attn: Mr. Justin Porter

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION

**Administrative Order NSL-7610** 

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. OGRID 6137 Tomb Raider 1-12 Federal Well No. 512H API No. 30-015-43593

## **Non-Standard Location**

#### **Proposed Location:**

_	Footages	Unit/Lot	Sec.	Twsp	Range	County
Surface	200' FNL & 1460' FWL	3	1	23S	31E	Eddy
Penetration Point	600' FNL & 1300' FWL	4	1	23S	31E	Eddy
Final perforation/	330' FSL & 1300' FWL	M	12	23S	31E	Eddy
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### **Proposed Project Area:**

Description	Acres	Pool	Pool Code
W/2 W/2 Section 1	320	Livingston Ridge;	39350
W/2 W/2 Section 12		Bone Spring	

Reference is made to your application received on November 2, 2017.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox gas well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B (2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This surface location is outside the project area, and is permitted by Rule 19.15.16.15. B (4) NMAC which allows for surface locations outside project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

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It is our understanding that the Applicant is seeking this location in order to prudently produce reserves and to optimize well spacing for horizontal wells drilled in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2 W/2 of Section 1 and W/2 W/2 Section 12.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A (2) NMAC.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 19.15.4.12 A (2) NMAC, in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

The above approvals are subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules.

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

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

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