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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 - Engineering Bureau -
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



*Apache
 See Fed #51*

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Application Acronyms:

- [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
 [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
 [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
 [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
 [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
 [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

- [1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A]
 [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication
 NSL NSP SD
- Check One Only for [B] or [C]
 [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement
 DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM
- [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery
 WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR
- [D] Other: Specify _____
- [2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply
 [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
 [B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
 [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
 [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
 [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
 [F] Waivers are Attached

[3] **SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.**

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

David Catanach
 Print or Type Name

David Catanach
 Signature

Agent for Apache Corporation
 Title

9/11/12
 Date

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 E-Mail Address

September 11, 2012

Hand Delivered

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Ms. Jami Bailey, CPG
Division Director

Re: Application for Unorthodox Well Location
Lee Federal Well No. 51
API No. (30-015-40034)
1620' FSL & 330' FWL (Unit L)
Section 17, T-17 South, R-31 East, NMPM,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.15.13, Apache Corporation ("Apache") respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its proposed Lee Federal No. 51. This well will be drilled as a development oil well in the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool (96831).

The proposed Lee Federal No. 51 will be dedicated to an existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool comprising the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 17. This unit is currently dedicated to Apache's: i) existing Lee Federal No. 30 (API No. 30-015-32296) located at a standard well location 1650 feet from the South line and 865 feet from the West line; and ii) existing Lee Federal No. 31 (API No. 30-015-32297) located at a standard well location 2310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line.

The Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool is currently governed by Division Rule 19.19.15.9 which requires standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit.

The attached vicinity map shows that the proposed unorthodox well location is necessary in order to avoid an existing pipeline.

The affected offset tracts are the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, and the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM (see attached plat). These affected offset tracts are operated by Apache in the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool (See existing Lee Federal Wells No. 32 and 34 and

proposed Lee Federal Wells No. 43 and 62 in the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 17, and existing Tony Federal Wells No. 14 and 18 in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 18). The working interest ownership between the drill tract and the affected offset tracts is common. Consequently, notice of this application is not required to any party.

Attached is a Form C-102 showing the proposed well, spacing unit and other existing wells in the spacing unit, a map showing the affected offset acreage, and a vicinity map.

In summary, approval of the application will provide Apache Corporation the opportunity to recover additional oil and gas reserves from the Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso Pool underlying the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 17 that may otherwise not be recovered by the existing wells, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

If you should have any questions, please call me at (505) 690-9453.

Sincerely,



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Xc: OCD-Artesia

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District II
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District III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-102
Revised July 16, 2010
Submit one copy to appropriate
District Office
 AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-015-40034	Pool Code 96831	Pool Name Cedar Lake Glorieta-Yeso
Property Code 308720	Property Name Lee Federal	Well Number 051
OGRID No. 873	Operator Name Apache Corporation	Elevation 3,685'

Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
L	17	17 South	31 East		1620	South	330	West	Eddy

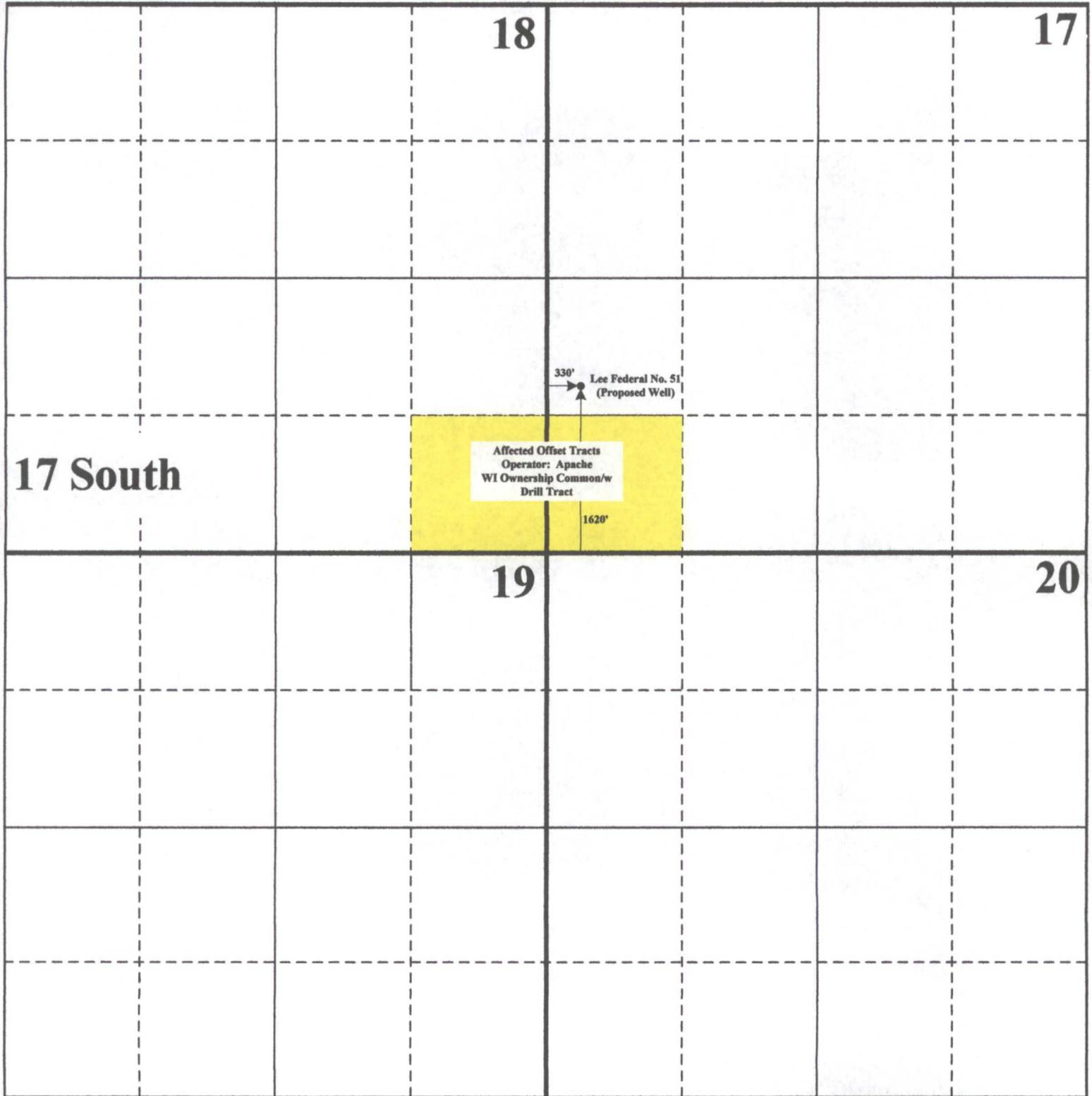
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

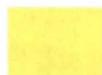
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 40		Joint or Infill		Consolidate Code		Order No.			

No Allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the Division

	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION	
	<p><i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottomhole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the Division.</i></p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Printed Name _____</p> <p>E-mail Address _____</p>	
	SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION	
	<p><i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i></p> <p>Date of Survey _____</p> <p>Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor: _____</p> <p>Certificate Number _____</p>	

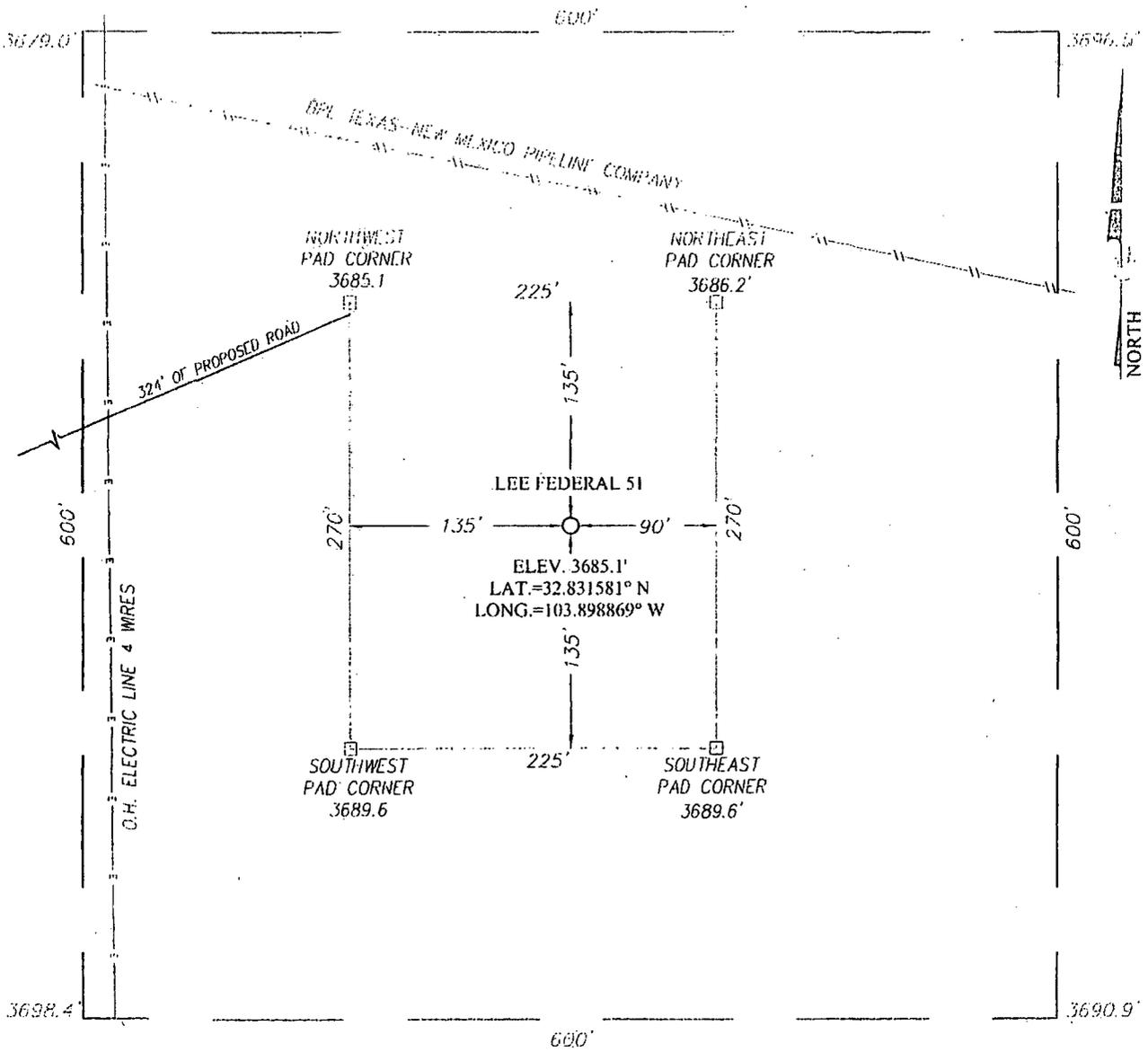
31 East



 **Affected Offset Acreage**

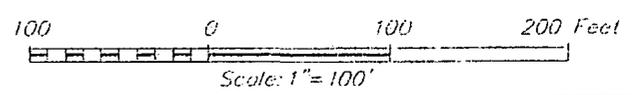
Apache Corporation
Application for Non-Standard Well Location
Lee Federal No. 51 (API No. 30-015-40034)

SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M.



DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NM HWY. 529 AND US HWY. 82, GO WEST ON HWY. 82 FOR 1.4 MILES. TURN RIGHT AND GO NORTH 0.8 MILES. TURN LEFT AND WEST GO 0.5 MILES. TURN RIGHT AND GO NORTH 0.1 MILE. THE WELL LOCATION IS 400' RIGHT (EAST) OF THE ROAD.



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APACHE CORPORATION

LEE FEDERAL 51
 LOCATED 1620 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE
 AND 330 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 17,
 TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Survey Date: 6/27/11	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
W.O. Number: 11.11.0946	Dr. By: CMH
Date: 8/16/11	Rel. W.O.: 11110946
	Scale: 1"=100'