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Oil Conservation Division

Apache Corporation
c/o **W. Thomas Kellahin**
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AMENDED Administrative Order NSL-5279

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your initial application (*administrative application reference No. pSEM0-521743064*) filed on behalf of Apache Corporation and submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 4, 2005; (ii) the resulting Division Administrative Order NSL-5279 issued on September 16, 2005, which order granted Apache Corporation to drill its proposed State Land "15" Well No. 11 at an unorthodox oil well location within the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, being a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool (6660), Tubb Oil and Gas Pool (60240), Drinkard Pool (19190); and Undesignated Wantz-Abo Pool (62700); (iii) the record in Apache Corporation's companion application (*administrative application reference No. pSEM0-521743227*); (iv) Mr. Michael E. Stogner's, Engineer with the Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico, subsequent e-mail concerning that portion of Division Administrative Order NSL-5279 relating to the Tubb Oil and Gas Pool (60240); (v) yours and Mr. Stogner's ensuing e-mails on September 26, 2005, including your request for Apache Corporation to withdraw the Tubb interval from consideration in this matter application (*administrative application reference No. pMES0-530038567*); (vi) your e-mail on Wednesday morning, October 26, 2005 checking on the status of this matter; and (vii) the Division's records in Hobbs and Santa Fe.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT all provisions pertaining to the Tubb Oil and Gas Pool within Division Administrative Order NSL-5279, dated September 16, 2005, is now considered null and void. **FURTHER**, the provisions set forth in Division Administrative Order NSL-5279 shall henceforth be limited only to the Blinebry Oil and Gas, Drinkard, and Undesignated Wantz-Abo Pools.

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

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.
Director

MEF/ms

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs
New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe
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