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July 2, 2008

Chevron USA, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Casey R. Mobley
11111 S. Wilcrest, Rm S-1037
Houston, TX 77099

Administrative Order NSL-5863

Re: H.T. Mattern C Well No. 20
API No. 30-025-
Unit J, Section 18-21S-37E
Lea County

Dear Mr. Mobley:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR08-15551081**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 3, 2008, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chevron USA, Inc. (Chevron) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, 1650 feet from the South line and 1330 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., in Lea County, New Mexico. The NW/4 SE/4 of Section 18 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing unit in the Penrose-Skelly Grayburg Pool (50350). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the eastern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that this location is being requested because Chevron's geologic interpretation indicates that the well can tap into stranded reserves located on the margins of existing spacing units that cannot be effectively drained by wells located at standard locations.



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It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because of common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 40.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fesmire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs