

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD
HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24141

**APPLICATION OF AVANT OPERATING, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL
OF NON-STANDARD SPACING UNIT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24254

**NORTHERN OIL AND GAS, INC.'S
NOTICE OF SUPPORT FOR AVANT OPERATING, LLC'S APPLICATION**

Northern Oil and Gas, Inc. ("Northern") is submitting the attached letter of support for Avant Operating, LLC's ("Avant") Application in Case No. 24254 for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's consideration. Northern owns approximately 144.00 net acres included in the spacing units proposed by Avant and Apache Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 10, 2024, I have caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice to be sent to the following counsel by electronic means:

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

**RE: Letter in Support for Avant Operating, LLC
Grayling 14 Fed Com Development Plan
Case No. 24254
Lea County, New Mexico**

To Whom It May Concern:

Northern Oil and Gas, Inc. ("NOG") submits this letter in support of Avant Operating, LLC's ("Avant") Grayling 14 Fed Com Development Plan ("Plan"), in Case No. 24254, Lea County, New Mexico. In our independent assessment, Avant's Plan demonstrates a commitment to preventing waste and safeguarding correlative rights by efficiently and fully developing the underlying acreage.

NOG and Avant are currently collaborating to finalize a trade wherein Avant will succeed to NOG's interests, including the underlying acreage associated with the above-referenced case, pending the completion of various due diligence items to the satisfaction of both parties.

In the interim, NOG affirms and avers to the New Mexico Conversation Division ("NMOCD") that Avant possesses the requisite authority to represent its interests in these matters and, under this letter, supports Avant's designation as operator and its planned development as outlined in the above-referenced case.

Should the NMOCD have any additional questions in this regard, please email me at adirlam@northernoil.com or call me at (952) 476-9800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Dirlam', is written over a large, light blue oval scribble.

Adam Dirlam
President
Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.