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FORM APPROVED OMB NO 1004-0137

**UNITED STATES** DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Expires January 31, 2018 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** Lease Serial No NMLC065478B SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an 6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name abandoned well Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals 7 If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on page 2 1 Type of Well Well Name and No EMPIRE ABO UNIT D 47 Oil Well Gas Well Other Name of Operator APACHE CORPORATION Contact **ALICIA FULTON** 30-015-03193 E-Mail Alicia fulton@apachecorp.com 3a Address 3b Phone No (include area code) 10 Field and Pool or Exploratory Area 303 VETERANS AIRPARK LANE **EMPIRE ABO (22040)** Ph 432-818-1088 MIDLAND, TX 79706 4 Location of Well (Footage Sec T R M or Survey Description) 11 County or Parish, State Sec 26 T17S R28E EDDY COUNTY, NM 12 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA TYPE OF SUBMISSION TYPE OF ACTION □ Acidize □ Deepen □ Production (Start/Resume) ■ Water Shut-Off Notice of Intent ☐ Alter Casing ☐ Hydraulic Fracturing □ Reclamation ■ Well Integrity □ Subsequent Report Casing Repair ■ New Construction □ Recomplete Other Venting and/or Flari ☐ Final Abandonment Notice □ Change Plans □ Plug and Abandon □ Temporarily Abandon □ Convert to Injection □ Plug Back ■ Water Disposal 13 Describe Proposed or Completed Operation Clearly state all pertinent details including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No on file with BLM/BIA Required subsequent reports must be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 must be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices must be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection RECEIVED Apache is requesting an extension to flare gas from the Empire Abo Unit D-40 Federal Battery effective 04/30/2018-07/30/2018 A combined total of approximately 500 mcf per day will be flared from the wells listed below due to high line pressure Gas will be measured prior to flaring 'APR 1 9 2018 State wells except for 2 federal wells SEE ATTACHED FOR DISTRICT IL ARTIESIA O.C.D. CONDITIONS OF APPROVA 30-015-01534 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #42-TA 30-015-01536 EMPIRE ABO UNIT#41A 30-015-01538 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #43 FOR RECORDS 30-015-01550 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #38 14 I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and dorrect Electronic Submission #411863 verified by the BLM Well Information System
For APACHE CORPORATION, sent to the Carlsbad
Committed to AFMSS for processing by JENNIFER SANCHEZ on 04/17/2018 () SR/REGULATORY Name (Printed/Typed) ALICIA FULTON (Electronic Submission) Date 04/17/2018 Signature THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE/USE Title Approved By

Title 18 U S C Section 1001 and Title 43 U S C Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make o any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

Office

(Instructions on page 2)

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Conditions of approval, if any are attached Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease

which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon

## Additional data for EC transaction #411863 that would not fit on the form

## 32 Additional remarks, continued

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30-015-01557 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #37A
30-015-01551 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #37 - TA
30-015-01736 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #38B
30-015-01552 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #39A
30-015-01555 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #40 -TA -STATE WELL
30-015-03195 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #40A
30-015-03194 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #46A
30-015-03193 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #47 -federal well
30-015-03192 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #48 -federal well
30-015-03192 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #363
30-015-22804 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #373
30-015-22203 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #375
30-015-22766 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #375
30-015-22766 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #382
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30-015-22766 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #384
30-015-22806 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #384
30-015-22819 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #383A
30-015-22819 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #391A
30-015-22819 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #391A
30-015-22843 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #395
30-015-22843 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #395
30-015-39012 EMPIRE ABO UNIT #420
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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carlsbad Field Office 620 East Greene Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 575-234-5972

Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis <u>without incurring a royalty</u> obligation in the following circumstances

- A 43 CFR 3179 105 Emergencies (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179 4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment. For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence.
- B 43 CFR 3179 4 **Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable**(2) *Avoidably lost oil* or gas means Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence, and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179 7
- C 43 CFR 3179 5 When lost production is subject to royalty
  - (a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas
  - (b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas

## **Condition of Approval to Flare Gas**

- 1 The first 24 hours of a <u>temporary emergency flare</u> is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22"
- 2 Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost"
  These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5)
  Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179 7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179
  Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08"
  - If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179 4, 3179 103 3179 105. As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas.
- 3 Approval not to exceed 90 days, if flaring is still required past 90 days submit new request for approval

- 4 Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) Include method for volume determination and duration Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report
- 5 In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179 4, 43 CFR 3179 5, 43 CFR 3179 9 and 43 CFR 3179 10
- 6 The operator must estimate or measure all volumes of gas vented or flared gas by one of the following methods
  - Measure the flare gas by a meter The meter shall meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175 (due to volume of gas being flared) Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5)
  - Calculate the volume of the flared gas based on the results of a regularly performed GOR test and measured values for the volumes of oil production and gas sales, so as to allow BLM to independently verify the volume, rate, and heating value of the gas flared

Regulation Ref Link to 43 CFR 3179 Waste Prevention and Resources Conservation, <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-">https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-</a>

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If H2S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the Hydrogen Sulfide area shall meet Onshore Order 6 requirements.