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**GAS CAPTURE PLAN**

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Operator & OGRID No.: Matador Production Company (228937)

Date: 5/04/18

Reason for Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomple to new zone, re-frac) activity.

*Note: A C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule 19.15.18.12.A*

**Well(s)/Production Facility – Name of facility**

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
Pennzoil Federal 32 #112H	30-015-44924	UL-H Sec 32 T20S R29E	2000' FNL 348' FWL	+/-1250	~30 days	Flare ~30 days on flowback before turn into TB. Time est. depends on sales connect and well cleanup.
Pennzoil Federal 32 #132H	30-015-44925	UL-H Sec 32 T20S R29E	2060' FNL 348' FWL	+/-1250	~30 days	Flare ~30 days on flowback before turn into TB. Time est. depends on sales connect and well cleanup
Pennzoil Federal 32 #201H	30-015-44926	UL-A Sec 32 T20S R29E	420' FNL 220' FWL	+/-1250	~30 days	Flare ~30 days on flowback before turn into TB. Time est. depends on sales connect and well cleanup
Pennzoil Federal 32 #202H	30-015-44927	UL-H Sec 32 T20S R29E	2090' FNL 348' FWL	+/-1250	~30 days	Flare ~30 days on flowback before turn into TB. Time est. depends on sales connect and well cleanup

**Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

The well will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete so long as the gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from the production facility should be connected to a Longwood Gathering System. It will require ~1000' of pipeline to connect the facility to the Longwood Gathering System. Matador Production Company periodically provides a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future to Longwood Gathering System. If changes occur that will affect the drilling and completion schedule, Matador Production Company will notify Longwood Gathering System. Additionally, the gas produced from the well will be processed at a processing plant further downstream and, although unanticipated, any issues with downstream facilities could cause flaring at the wellhead. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures measured when the well starts producing.

### **Flowback Strategy**

After the fracture treatment/completion operations (flowback), the well will be produced to temporary production tanks and the gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. If the produced fluids contain minimal sand, then the well will be turned to production facilities. The gas sales should start as soon as the well starts flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on the midstream system at that time. Based on current information, it is Matador's belief the system will be able to take the gas upon completion of the well.

Safety requirements during cleanout operations may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

### **Alternatives to Reduce Flaring**

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation – On lease
  - Operating a generator will only utilize a portion of the produced gas and the remainder of gas would still need to be flared.
  - Power Company has to be willing to purchase gas back and if they are willing they require a 5 year commitment to supply the agreed upon amount of power back to them. With gas decline rates and unpredictability of markets it is impossible to agree to such long term demands. If the demands are not met then operator is burdened with penalty for not delivering.
- Compressed Natural Gas – On lease
  - Compressed Natural Gas is likely to be uneconomic to operate when the gas volume declines.
- NGL Removal – On lease
  - NGL Removal requires a plant and is expensive on such a small scale rendering it uneconomic and still requires residue gas to be flared.