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# ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION, NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, AND DOWN-HOLE COMMINGING ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-7086 Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1412629121

Administrative Order NSP-1984 Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1412629627

Administrative Order DHC-4675 Administrative Application Reference No. pMAM1412629846

Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc. OGRID 282327 Lybrook P28-2307 Well No. 2H API No. 30-043-pending

### **Non-Standard Location**

#### **Proposed Location:**

	<b>Footages</b>	Unit	Sec.	Twsp	Range	County_
Surface	1318 FSL & 43 FEL	P	28	23N	7W	Sandoval
Penetration Point	725 FSL & 330 FEL	P	28	23N	7W	Sandoval
Terminus	725 FSL & 330 FWL	M	28	23N	7W	Sandoval

#### **Proposed Project Area:**

<b>Description</b>	Acres	Pool	Pool Code	
S/2 S/2 of Section 28	160	Alamito-Gallup (O)	1039	
		Basin Mancos	97232	

Reference is made to your application received on May 2, 2014.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed, as to the portion of the wellbore in the Alamito-Gallup Pool, by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and, as to the portion of the wellbore in the Basin Mancos Gas Pool, by the Special Rules for the Basin Mancos Gas Pool, which provide for 320-acre units with wells located at least 660 feet from a unit outer boundary. Rule 19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas is also applicable, making setback requirements apply to the distance from the outer boundary of the designated project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval located in the Basin Mancos Gas Pool are less than 660 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC.

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to efficiently produce the hydrocarbons within the project area.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Division Rule 19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

#### **Non-Standard Proration Unit**

You have also requested approval of one or more non-standard proration to be included in your proposed project area, as follows:

#### Units Comprising this Project Area

<u>Unit</u>	Acres	Pool	Code	Std or NS
S/2 SE/4 of Section 28	80	Alamito-Gallup	1039	Std
S/2 SW/4 of Section 28	80	Basin Mancos	97232	NS

A standard proration unit in the Basin Mancos Gas pool consists of 320 acres comprising a half-section. Your proposed non-standard proration unit consists of one or more contiguous quarter-quarter sections located entirely within the same half section.

It is understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners to whom notice is required by Division Rule 19.15.4.12.A(3) NMAC.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.11.B(2), the above-described non-standard proration unit is hereby approved.

## **Down-Hole Commingling**

You have also requested permission to down-hole commingle production from the above-referenced pools within this wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.12.11(A) NMAC, and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described.

Assignment of allowable and allocation of production from the well shall be as follows:

Alamito-Gallup Pool	Pct Gas:	Pct Oil:
	50%	50%
Basin Mancos Gas Pool	Pct Gas:	Pct Oil:
	50%	50%

It is our understanding that the above allocation percentages are based on the length of the completed interval of the wellbore in each pool

It is also understood that ownership of all interest in the pools from which production is being commingled is identical.

The operator shall notify the Division's Aztec district office upon implementation of commingling operations.

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.12.11 (B) NMAC, the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

### **General provisions**

The above approvals are subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

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

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 22, 2014

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