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April 23, 2012

Apache Corporation c/o Permits West, Inc. Attn: Mr. Brian Wood

## ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6603 Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG12-08960326

Apache Corporation OGRID 873 Lee Federal Well No. 48 API No. 30-015-39897

**Proposed Location:** 

| <u>Footages</u>    | Unit | Section | Township | Range | County |
|--------------------|------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| 1130 FSL & 330 FWL | M    | 20      | 17S      | 31E   | Eddy   |

**Proposed Unit:** 

| <u>Description</u>      | Acres | Pool                    | Pool Code |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|
| SW/4 SW/4 of Section 20 | 40    | Mar Loco; Glorieta-Yeso | 97866     |

Reference is made to your application received on March 29, 2012.

You have requested to drill this well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], 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 a unit outer boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to comply with United States Bureau of Land Management surface siting requirements.

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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 Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, 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 5.9 [19.15.15.9 NMAC].

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

Sincerely,

Jami Bailey Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia United States Bureau of Land Management