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August 8, 2012

Apache Corporation  
Attn: Mr. David Catanach

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

**Administrative Order NSL-6662**  
**Administrative Application Reference No. pKVR12-20044039**

**Apache Corporation**  
**OGRID 873**  
**D State Well No. 85**  
**API No. 30-015-40441**

**Proposed Location:**

<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
2405 FSL & 2250 FEL	J	34	17S	28E	Eddy

**Proposed Unit:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
NW/4 SE/4 of Section 34	40	Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso	96830

Reference is made to your application received on July 17, 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 to avoid numerous surface obstructions within the drill tract, including pipelines and an existing well pad.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jami Bailey  
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
New Mexico State Land Office