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October 16, 2012

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

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6693
Administrative Application Reference No. pDKB12-28356779

Apache Corporation
OGRID 873
A State Well No. 46
API No. 30-015-38579

Proposed Location:

<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
1080 FNL & 890 FWL	D	26	17S	28E	Eddy

Proposed Unit:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26	40	Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso	96830

Reference is made to your application received on October 9, 2012.

You have requested to drill or re-complete 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 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 due to topographic issues.

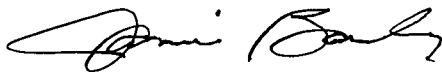
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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, cursive script.

Jami Bailey
Director

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