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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 - Engineering Bureau -
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



Apache
D St # 96

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Application Acronyms:

[NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
 [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
 [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
 [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
 [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
 [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

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[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

[A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication
☒ NSL ☐ NSP ☐ SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

[B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement
☐ DHC ☐ CTB ☐ PLC ☐ PC ☐ OLS ☐ OLM

[C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery
☐ WFX ☐ PMX ☐ SWD ☐ IPI ☐ EOR ☐ PPR

[D] Other: Specify _____

[2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or ☒ Does Not Apply

- [A] ☐ Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
- [B] ☐ Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
- [C] ☐ Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D] ☐ Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E] ☐ For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F] ☐ Waivers are Attached

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[3] **SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.**

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

David Catanach
 Print or Type Name

David Catanach
 Signature

Agent for Apache Corporation
 Title

12/12/12
 Date

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 E-Mail Address

December 12, 2012

Hand Delivered

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Ms. Jami Bailey, CPG
Division Director

Re: Application for Unorthodox Well Location
D State No. 96
API No. (30-015-40240)
2310' FNL & 1565' FWL (Unit F)
Section 36, T-17 South, R-28 East, NMPM,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.15.13, Apache Corporation ("Apache") respectfully requests administrative approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its proposed D State No. 96. This well will be drilled as a development oil well in the Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool (96830).

The proposed D State No. 96 will be dedicated to an existing standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool comprising the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 36. This unit is currently dedicated to Apache's: i) existing D State No. 11 (API No. 30-015-32487) located at a standard well location 1650' FNL & 2310' FWL; ii) existing D State No. 46 (API No. 30-015-38410) located at a standard well location 1650' FNL & 1780' FWL; and iii) existing D State No. 67 (API No. 30-015-39740) located at an unorthodox well location 2335 feet from the North line and 2385 feet from the West line.

The Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool is currently governed by Division Rule 19.19.15.9 which requires standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit.

The attached vicinity map shows that the proposed unorthodox well location is necessary in order to avoid an existing pipeline.

The affected offset acreage includes the SW/4 NW/4 and the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 36 (see attached map). Both of these affected offset tracts are existing 40-acre spacing units in the Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool, and both are operated by Apache.

Please note that the working interest ownership between the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 36 and the two affected offset 40-acre tracts is common. Consequently, notice of this application is not required to any party.

Attached is a Form C-102 showing the proposed well, other existing wells in the spacing unit, and the affected offset acreage. Also attached is a vicinity map.

In summary, approval of the application will provide Apache Corporation the opportunity to recover additional oil and gas reserves from the Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool underlying the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 36 that may otherwise not be recovered by the existing wells, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

If you should have any questions, please call me at (505) 690-9453.

Sincerely,



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Apache Corporation
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Xc: OCD-Artesia

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District III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-102
Revised July 16, 2010
Submit one copy to appropriate
District Office
☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-015-40240		Pool Code 96830	Pool Name Artesia Glorieta-Yeso Pool
Property Code 308712	Property Name D State		Well Number 096
OGRID No. 873	Operator Name Apache Corporation		Elevation 3684

Surface Location

UL or lot no. F	Section 36	Township 17 South	Range 28 East	Lot Idn	Feet from the 2310	North/South line North	Feet from the 1565	East/West line West	County Eddy
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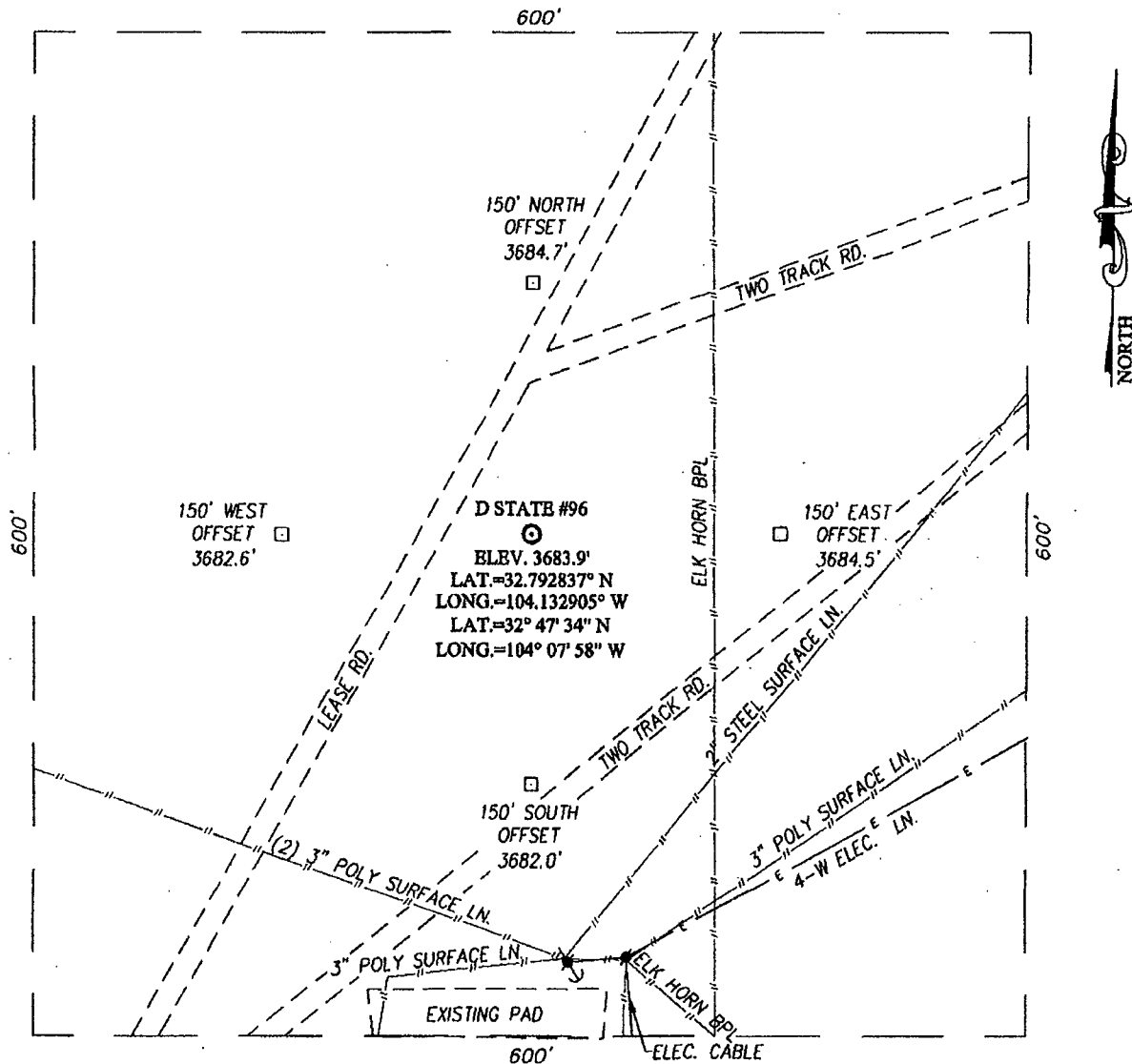
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 40		Joint or Infill		Consolidate Code		Order No.			

No Allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the Division

				<p>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p><i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottomhole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofor entered by the Division.</i></p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Printed Name _____</p> <p>E-mail Address _____</p>	
				<p>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p><i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i></p> <p>Date of Survey _____</p> <p>Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor: _____</p> <p>Certificate Number _____</p>	

SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, N.M.P.M.
EDDY COUNTY **NEW MEXICO**

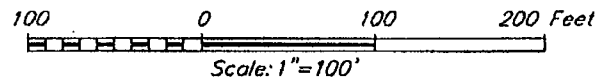


DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HWY. #82 AND CO. RD. #209 (TURKEY TRACK) GO SOUTH APPROX. 0.6 MILES. TURN LEFT AND GO EAST APPROX. 0.7 MILES. VEER LEFT AND GO NORTHEAST APPROX. 0.7 MILES. TURN LEFT AND GO NORTH APPROX. 0.1 MILES. THE LOCATION STAKE IS APPROX. 50 FEET EAST OF THE LEASE ROAD.



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D STATE #96 WELL
 LOCATED 2310 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE
 AND 330 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 36,
 TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Survey Date: 3/22/12	CAD Date: 4/23/12	Drawn By: AF
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