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**RE: NMOCD Correspondence Reference No. SD-05-05**

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 28, 2005 and submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on behalf of Citation Oil & Gas Corp. of Houston, Texas, concerning past, current, and future development within Eumont (Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen) Gas Pool (76480/22800) underlying the E/2 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, which acreage comprises a single state lease issued by the New Mexico State Land Office (*State Lease No. B-01167-0051*), and the following eleven existing wells:

- (1) State "H" Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-08558) located 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 13;
- (2) State "H" Well No. 1-Y (API No. 30-025-03471) located 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 13;
- (3) State "H" Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-03465) located 660 feet from the North line and 1260 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 13;
- (4) State "H" Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-08559) located either 2310 feet or 1980 feet from the North line and 1260 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13;
- (5) State "H" Well No. 3-Y (API No. 30-025-03472) located 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13;
- (6) State "H" Well No. 4 (API No. 30-025-03466) located either 2310 feet or 1980 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 13;

- (7) State "H" Well No. 4-Y (API No. 30-025-03473) located 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 13;
- (8) State "H" Well No. 5 (API No. 30-025-03467) located 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 13;
- (9) State "H" Well No. 6 (API No. 30-025-03468) located 1980 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 13;
- (10) State "H" Well No. 7 (API No. 30-025-03469) located 1980 feet from the South and East lines (Unit J) of Section 13; and
- (11) State "H" Well No. 8 (API No. 30-025-03470) located 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 13.

For administrative and record keeping purposes this matter was assigned **Division application reference No. pSEM0-527231564.**

Division Administrative Order NSP-381, dated August 7, 1957, initially established the subject 320-acre area (E/2 of Section 13) as a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") in the Eumont Gas Pool for the aforementioned State "H" Well No. 4 said to be located 1980 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line in Unit "H" of Section 13.

By Division Administrative Order NSL-3947 (SD), dated February 13, 1998, two additional wells, the above-described State "H" Wells No. 2 and 3-Y, were included within the subject 320-acre GPU.

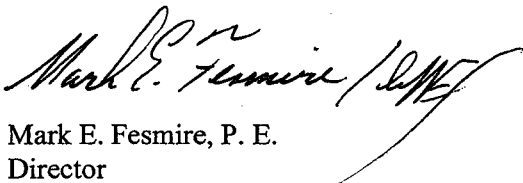
By Order No. R-8170-P, issued in Case No. 12563 on December 14, 2001, the Division caused the prorationing of gas production to cease within the Eumont Gas Pool and promulgated "*Special Pool Rules for the Eumont Gas Pool*," which provide for: (i) oil development on standard 40-acre oil spacing units [Rule 2 (B)] and gas development on standard 640-acre gas spacing units [Rule 2 (A)]; (ii) gas development on a well density based on one well per 160 acres [Rule 3 (C)] and absolutely no more than one well per quarter-quarter section within a gas spacing unit [Rule 3 (D)]; (iii) gas well locations to be no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the assigned gas spacing unit or governmental quarter section line nor closer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line [Rule 3 (A) (2)]; (iv) oil wells to be no closer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line [Rule 3 (A) (1)]; (v) the strict limitation of only one well per 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit [Rule 3 (B)]; (vi) a strict prohibition on the simultaneous dedication of acreage to Eumont gas and oil wells [Rule 2 (C)]; and (iv) administrative exceptions, in some cases, to these rules [Rules 3 (B), 3 (D), and 4]. **FURTHER**, Rule 6 (B) of the special Eumont pool rules states "[A]ll existing exceptions, whether granted administratively or through hearing, in effect on the issuance date of this order shall be "grandfathered" and shall remain in full force and effect until further notice".

From the information provided and from the Division's records, these eleven wells have extensive production histories in the Eumont Gas Pool prior to the adoption of Division Order No. R-8170-P. The current instances of concurrent production of gas and oil wells and the simultaneous dedication of acreage to gas and oil wells also commenced prior to the adoption of Division Order No. R-8170-P. No additional Eumont wells have been included within the E/2 of Section 13 since the approval of Division Administrative Order NSL-3947 (SD) in early 1998.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT** development of the Eumont Gas Pool within the E/2 of Section 13 with any of the eleven above-described wells shall be allowed to continue without interruption. **HOWEVER**, should the operator of this 320 acres within the Eumont Gas Pool add new wells or cause any existing wellbore, other than the eleven above-described wells, to be recompleted within the vertical limits of the Eumont Gas Pool, then Eumont development within the E/2 of Section 13 shall be subject to reevaluation and exceptions to the applicable rules will be required.

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

Sincerely,



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New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe  
File: NSP-381  
NSL-3947 (SD)