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August 15, 2017

Steward Energy II, LLC
Attn: Ms. Melanie J. Wilson

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION

Administrative Order NSL-7566

Steward Energy II, LLC
OGRID 371682
Pinkman Fee Well No. 1H
API No. 30-025-43910

Non-Standard Location

Proposed Location:

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit/Lot</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	2346' FSL & 702' FEL	3	23	14S	38E	Lea
Penetration Point	2310' FNL & 75' FEL	2	23	14S	38E	Lea
Final perforation (Terminus)	330' FNL & 75' FEL	1	14	14S	38E	Lea

Proposed Project Area:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
W/2 NE/4 of Section 23	273.11	Bronco; San Andres South	7500
W/2 E/2 of Section 14			

Reference is made to your application received on August 11, 2017.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provide for 40-acre units with wells to be located at least 330 feet from outer unit boundaries, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B (2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This surface location is outside the project area, and is permitted by Rule 19.15.16.15.B (4) NMAC which allows for surface locations outside project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

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

It is our understanding that the applicant is requesting this non-standard location to optimize the completed lateral length of the well, reducing waste while protecting correlative rights and improving well performance.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

The above approvals are subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules.

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



DAVID R. CATANACH
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office
Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad Field Office