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Cimarex Energy Co.
Attn: Ms. Zoe E. Lees

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION

Administrative Order NSL-7603

Cimarex Energy Co.
OGRID 215099
Hallertau 5 Federal 5-26S-32E Well No. 9H
API No. 30-025-43303

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	318` FSL & 1762` FWL	N	5	26S	32E	Lea
Penetration Point	718` FSL & 1260` FWL	M	5	26S	32E	Lea
Final perforation/ Terminus	330` FNL & 1260` FWL	D	5	26S	32E	Lea

Proposed Project Area:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
W/2 W/2 of Section 5	160	WC-025 G-08 S263205N; Upper Wolfcamp	98065

Reference is made to your application received on October 6, 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 seeking this location as a preferred well spacing plan for horizontal wells and thereby preventing waste.

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