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Form C-107A
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APPLICATION TYPE
 Single Well
 Establish Pre-Approved Pools
EXISTING WELLBORE
 Yes No

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

Operator BLACK HILLS GAS RESOURCES, INC. c/o Mike Pippin LLC (agent), 3104 N. Sullivan, Farmington, NM 87401
Address
Lease JICARILLA 457-10 #44 Well No. P SEC. 10 T30N R03W Unit Letter-Section-Township-Range
County Rio Arriba

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OGRID No. 013925 Property Code 22860 API No. 30-039-29321 Lease Type: Federal State Fee

THIS IS PART OF THE BLACK HILLS CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

DATA ELEMENT	UPPER ZONE	INTERMEDIATE ZONE	LOWER ZONE
Pool Name	<u>Cabresto Canyon Tertiary</u>	Basin Fruitland Coal	East Blanco Pictured Cliffs
Pool Code	97037	71629	72400
Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforated or Open-Hole Interval)	1547'-3018'	3739'-57'	3776'-3863'
Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Pumping	Pumping	Pumping
Bottomhole Pressure (Note: Pressure data will not be required if the bottom perforation in the lower zone is within 150% of the depth of the top perforation in the upper zone)	<u>447</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>1150</u>
Oil Gravity or Gas BTU (Degree API or Gas BTU)	1052	1165	1175
Producing, Shut-In or New Zone	New Zone	New Zone	New Zone
Date and Oil/Gas/Water Rates of Last Production. (Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data.)	Date: <u>7/5/05</u> Rates: <u>8 MCF/D</u>	Date: <u>6/16/05</u> Rates: <u>102 MCF/D</u>	Date: <u>6/5&11/05</u> Rates: <u>589 MCF/D</u>
Fixed Allocation Percentage (Note: If allocation is based upon something other than current or past production, supporting data or explanation will be required.)	Oil: <u>0%</u> Gas: <u>1%</u>	Oil: <u>0%</u> Gas: <u>15%</u>	Oil: <u>100%</u> Gas: <u>84%</u>

ADDITIONAL DATA

Are all working, royalty and overriding royalty interests identical in all commingled zones? Yes No
If not, have all working, royalty and overriding royalty interest owners been notified by certified mail? Yes No
Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other? Yes No
Will commingling decrease the value of production? Yes No
If this well is on, or communized with, state or federal lands, has either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management been notified in writing of this application? Yes No
NMOCD Reference Case No. applicable to this well: _____

Attachments:

- C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.
- Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.
- Data to support allocation method or formula.
- Notification list of working, royalty and overriding royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.
- Any additional statements, data or documents required to support commingling.

PRE-APPROVED POOLS

If application is to establish Pre-Approved Pools, the following additional information will be required:
List of other orders approving downhole commingling within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools
List of all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools
Proof that all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools were provided notice of this application.
Bottomhole pressure data.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Mike Pippin TITLE Petroleum Engineer - Agent DATE July 25, 2006
TYPE OR PRINT NAME Mike Pippin TELEPHONE NO. (505) 327-4573
E-MAIL ADDRESS mike@pippinllc.com

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 Submit to Appropriate District Office
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AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

¹ API Number 30-039-29321		² Pool Code 97037		³ Pool Name Cabresto Canyon Tertiary	
⁴ Property Code 22860		⁵ Property Name Jicarilla 457-10			⁶ Well Number 44
⁷ OGRID No. 013925		⁸ Operator Name Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc.			⁹ Elevation 7313' GL

¹⁰ Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
P	10	30-N	3-W		990'	South	520'	East	Rio Arriba

¹¹ 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

¹² Dedicated Acres 160 - SE/4	¹³ Joint or Infill	¹⁴ Consolidation Code	¹⁵ Order No.
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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>10</p>	<p>¹⁷ OPERATOR CERTIFICATION <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 bottom hole 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 heretofore entered by the division.</i></p> <p>Signature: <u>Mike Pirpin</u> Date: <u>7-25-06</u></p> <p>Printed Name: <u>Mike Pirpin</u></p>
	<p>¹⁸ SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION <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: _____ Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor: _____</p>
	<p>Certificate Number: _____</p>

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⁷ OGRID No. 013925	⁸ Operator Name Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc.	⁹ Elevation 7313' GL

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*API Number		*Pool Code 72400	*Pool Name East Blanco; Pictured Cliffs
*Property Code 24245 22860	*Property Name JICARILLA 457-10		*Well Number 44
*OGHD No. 013925	*Operator Name MALLON OIL COMPANY		*Elevation 7313

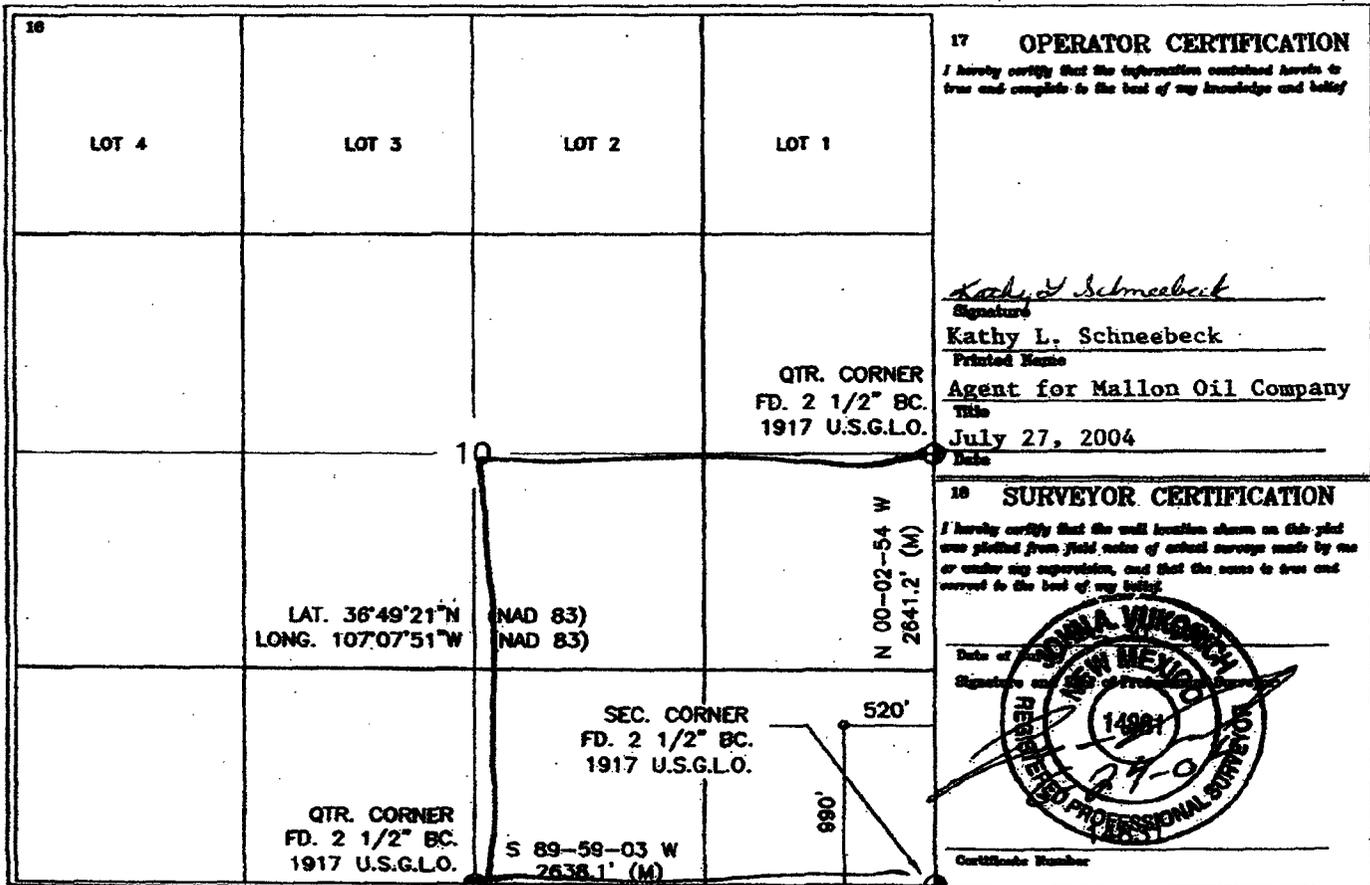
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P	10	30-N	3-W		990	SOUTH	520	EAST	RIO ARRIBA

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UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
*Dedicated Acres 160			*Joint or Infill		*Consolidation 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



17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief

Kathy L. Schneebeck
Signature
Kathy L. Schneebeck
Printed Name
Agent for Mallon Oil Company
Title
July 27, 2004
Date

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

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.

Date of Survey
Signature of Surveyor

Certificate Number

Commingle Allocation Calculations

OIL

The Cabresto Canyon Tertiary and the Basin Fruitland Coal gas pools do not make any oil in the vicinity of the subject well. The East Blanco Pictured Cliffs gas pool does produce a little oil. Therefore, any and all oil will be assigned to the Pictured Cliffs.

GAS

During completion operations in June and July 2005, stabilized and segregated gas choke tests were taken on the PC, the FRTC, and the Tertiary.

The **Lower Pictured Cliffs** choke test stabilized at 120 psi on a 1/4" choke for a 5 hour period on 6/5/05.

$$Q = .0555 * C * P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/4" \text{ choke} = 26.51 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 135 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$Q = .0555 * 26.51 * 135 = 199 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

The **Upper Pictured Cliffs** choke test stabilized at 250 psi on a 1/4" choke for a 4 hour period on 6/11/05.

$$Q = .0555 * C * P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/4" \text{ choke} = 26.51 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 265 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$
$$Q = .0555 * 26.51 * 265 = 390 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\underline{\text{Total Pictured Cliffs}} = 199 + 390 = 589 \text{ MCF/D}$$

The **Fruitland Coal** choke test stabilized at 15 psi on a 3/8" choke on 6/16/05.

$$Q = .0555 * C * P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 3/8" \text{ choke} = 61.21 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 30 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\text{Total Fruitland Coal}} = Q = .0555 * 61.21 * 30 = 102 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

The **Tertiary** choke test stabilized at 10 psi on a 1/8" choke on 7/5/05.

$$Q = .0555 * C * P \quad \begin{array}{l} C = \text{coefficient for } 1/8" \text{ choke} = 6.25 \\ P = \text{gauge pressure} + 15 \text{ psi} = 25 \text{ psi.} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\text{Total Tertiary}} = Q = .0555 * 6.25 * 25 = 8 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\text{Total gas} = 589 + 102 + 8 = 699 \text{ MCF/D.}$$

$$\% \text{ Pictured Cliffs} = \frac{589}{699} = 84\%$$

$$\% \text{ FRTC} = \frac{102}{699} = 15\%$$

$$\% \text{ Tertiary} = \frac{8}{699} = 1\%$$

Jones, William V., EMNRD

From: Mike Pippin [mike@pippinllc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 8:53 AM
To: Jones, William V., EMNRD
Cc: Russ Peterson; Gary Stripling; Loren Diede; Leslie Lamb
Subject: RE: DHC Application: Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc. Jicarilla 457-10 Well No. 44 API No. 30-039-29321
Attachments: LETTER answer to questions 8 2 06 457-10 #44.doc

I have attached the answers to your questions. Black Hills plans to P&A this well. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jones, William V., EMNRD [mailto:William.V.Jones@state.nm.us]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:09 PM
To: mike@pippinllc.com
Cc: Hayden, Steven, EMNRD; Ezeanyim, Richard, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD
Subject: DHC Application: Black Hills Gas Resources, Inc. Jicarilla 457-10 Well No. 44 API No. 30-039-29321

Hello Mike:

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Request:

The 150% depth rule seems to apply here - see form C-107A. Please estimate the static BHP of each of these three intervals and send the info here by fax or email and I will add the data to this application.

Questions for you as an engineer:

With only 1% of the production coming from the Tertiary intervals, does the water production from the Tertiary present a danger to the life of the Fruitland and PC reserves? Does the H₂S from the Tertiary and corrosion from the Ojo Alamo endanger the life of this well? What is the estimated life of each of these intervals if produced separately?

Why did Black Hills choose to not isolate the Tertiary in the annulus and produce the relatively dry Fruitland and PC up the tubing?

What is the feasibility and estimated cost of squeezing off the Tertiary intervals?

Has Black Hills done any wireline production profile investigations in this area after Mallon initiated all this commingling to see if harmful crossflowing is happening or to verify allocation percentages and aid in future development planning?

Thank You,

William V. Jones Engineering Bureau Oil Conservation Division Santa Fe

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August 2, 2006

Mr. William Jones
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Answer to Your Questions
Application for Downhole Commingling C-107A for Black Hill's Jicarilla 457-10 #44
990' FSL and 520' FEL Unit P, Section 10, T30N, R03W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
East Blanco Pictured Cliffs, Basin Fruitland Coal, Cabresto Canyon Tertiary

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 7/28/06 requesting additional information on Black Hill's C-107A commingle application. on the referenced well. I hope the following will help clarify Black Hill's thoughts in the past along with their plans for the future of this well.

The application to commingle the referenced three intervals is part of the Black Hills permit Clean-up program, which is their effort to bring all Black Hills wells into total compliance with both the BLM and the NMOCD. Black Hills is working closely with Jim Lavato with the BLM and Charlie Perrin with the NMOCD in Aztec on this clean-up program. Before, Black Hills can move forward with future plans for this well, they must first bring the well into total compliance. Since the well did produce some gas as a triple commingle, the C-107A is necessary along with several other BLM and NMOCD forms. When the well is brought into compliance, Black Hills plans to submit an application to P&A the well.

- Q: With only 1% of the production coming from the Tertiary intervals, does the water production from the Tertiary present a danger to the life of the FRTC and PC reserves?
A: At the time of the testing (June & July 2005) none of the three intervals were believed to be economical. The Engineering staff at the time believed that a triple commingle and pumping would give the well the best chance to be economical. No damage would be done since no significant water would be injected into the lower (higher pressured) intervals due to pumping.
- Q: Does H2S from the Tertiary and corrosion from the Ojo Alamo endanger the life of this well?
A: The Tertiary does not make H2S and the Ojo Alamo was not opened in this well.
- Q: What is the life of each of these intervals if produced separately?
A: They were at their economic limit then and now and even together.
- Q: Why did Black Hills choose to not isolate the Tertiary in the annulus and produce the relatively dry FRTC & PC up the tubing?
A: The FRTC & PC were not very dry. The Engineering staff at the time thought pumping all three gave the well its best chance.
- Q: What is the feasibility and cost of squeezing off the Tertiary intervals?
A: This \$40,000 to \$60,000 alternative was considered, but rejected by the Engineering staff at the time.
- Q: Has Black Hills done any wireline production profile investigations in this area after Mallon initiated all this commingling to see if harmful cross-flowing is happening or to verify allocation percentages and aid in future development planning?
A: No, not yet. But it is being considered.

Black Hills would like to request your approval of the C-107A for this well to bring it into full compliance, so they can initiate plugging procedures. Should you need anything further, please feel free to contact me at (505) 327-4573.

Best Regards,

Mike Pippin
Petroleum Engineer
Agent – Black Hills Gas Resources

cc: Steve Hayden

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Here are the pressures you asked for:

These numbers come from our Application for increase density case #12892

San Jose: 258 psi

Nacimiento: 636 psi

Ojo Alamo 1090 psi

FRTC: 1130 psi

PC: 1150 psi

The San Jose and Nacimiento are the Tertiary members open in this well.

Therefore, for the Tertiary I would use the average of San Jose & Nacimiento: $(258+636)/2 = 447$ psi

For the Engineering questions, I want to get with the Production and Reservoir Engineers instead of using just my opinions. I will get back to you on each of your questions.

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