



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2008

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Casey R. Mobley  
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Houston, TX 77099

**Administrative Order NSL-5765**

**Re: G.L. Erwin B Federal Well No. 14  
Unit P, Section 35-24S-37E  
Lea County**

Dear Mr. Mobley:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR07-33755177**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 3, 2007,

(b) your supplemental communication dated January 16, 2008, and

(c) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (Chevron) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox Seven Rivers/Queen/Grayburg oil well location, 1225 feet from the South line and 1015 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., in Lea County, New Mexico. The SE/4 SE/4 of Section 35 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing unit in the Langlie-Mattix-Seven Rivers/Queen/Grayburg Pool (37240). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the northern and western unit boundaries.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location because Chevron's geologic interpretation indicates that the well can tap into stranded reserves located on the margins of existing spacing units that cannot be effectively drained by wells located at standard locations.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because working and royalty interest ownership in the offsetting units towards which this location encroaches is identical to the subject unit.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Fesmire', written in a cursive style.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad