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November 5, 2008
Administrative Order NSL-5935

Petrohawk Operating Company
Attn: Mr. Eddie W. Seay
601 W. Illinois
Hobbs, NM 88242

Dear Mr. Seay:

Petrohawk's NSL Application: State A A/C2 Well No. 96

South Eunice-Seven Rivers/Queen Oil Pool, (24130)
2650' FNL, 1310' FEL, Unit I, NE/4 SE/4 of
Section 5, T22S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) your application (***administrative application reference No. pKVR0826033499***) for the subject well that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 15, 2008, and
- (b) the Division's records pertinent to your request.

Petrohawk Operating Company (Petrohawk) has requested authority to drill the above-referenced unorthodox oil well location, described above. The NE/4 SE/4 of Section 5 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the South Eunice-Seven Rivers/Queen Pool (24130). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the northern and western unit boundary.

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 existing wells are not adequately draining the reserves underlying this tract.



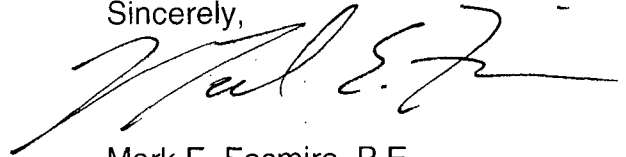
It is also understood that Petrohawk (OGRID 194849) is the operator and has 100% working interest. Section 5 is covered by two state leases which have common royalty and working interest ownership. Therefore there are no affected parties as defined by Division rules and notice of this application is unnecessary.

Pursuant to the authority granted under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 40.

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.
Division Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs
New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe