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Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, Director Oil Conservation Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Administrative Application of Chesapeake Operating Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Morrow Formation (Wildcat) Lea County, New Mexico

> Chicken Hawk "11" State Com Well No. 1 Unit N of Section 11, T9S, R33E Location: 2110 feet FWL and 660 feet FSL Dedication: W/2 of Section 11

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating Company, please find enclosed our referenced administrative application.

Very truly yours, /Thomas Kellahin

cc: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. Attn: Jared Boren

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ADMINISTRATIVE A P P L I C A T I O N

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Chesapeake") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, seeks an order authorizing the drilling and production of its Chicken Hawk "11" State Com Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 2110 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 11, Township 9 South Range 33 East, NMPM to be dedicate to a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of this section and dedicated to production from the Morrow formations (Wildcat), Lea County, New Mexico

In support of its application Chesapeake states:

1.Chesapeake proposes to drill its Chicken Hawk "11" State Com Well No. 1 in such a way as to test the Morrow formation. See Division form C-102 Attached as Exhibit "A"

2. A Morrow formation test will be too risky if the wellbore is placed at a standard well location in either the NW/4 or the SW/4 of this section. The requested unorthodox well location is the optimal for the Morrow formations in order to reduce that risk associated with this formation. See Morrow isopach attached as Exhibit "B"

3. This spacing unit is subject to Division Rule 104

TECHNICAL EVIDENCE

4. Chesapeake, based upon geologic data, believes that this proposed unorthodox gas well location will provide a better opportunity to access potential production in Morrow formations than either of the two standard drilling windows. NMOCD Administrative Application Chesapeake Oil Company -Page 2-

5. Chesapeake Chicken Hawk 11 State Com #1 is a proposed well to test the Morrow sands as a twin some 200 feet west of the Coastal State Gas Pure State #1 (API # 30-025-20420).

6. The Coastal well, drilled in 1963 encountered 58' of Morrow sand that should have been productive but the well was plugged and abandoned.

7. The Morrow sand in this area is a narrow fluvial incised valley sand that can thin rapidly in every direction. This can be evidenced by the following wells drilled 350' apart in section 1, T-10-S, R-33-E: The Sunray DX Oil New Mexico F State #1 (API # 30-025-00974) drilled in 1955 with 105' of Morrow sand and Yates Petroleum Gosden BGI State #1 (API # 30-025-37077), approximately 350' north, drilled in 2005, with 53' of Morrow sand.

8. The nearest Morrow formation production is from the Yates Petroleum Corporations' Gosden BGI State No 1 (API # 30-025-37007, located in Sec 1, T10S, R33E

9. Chesapeake would like to stay as close as possible to the known data in the area that is the Coastal well. Geologically the narrow Morrow sand body could actually be found to be further east than predicted which would mean a thinner sand or could be proven to be further west which would mean a thicker sand. Therefore, Chesapeake intends to stay as close as possible to the known Morrow data in the Coastal State Gas Pure State #1.

NOTIFICATION

10. All of Section 11 is subject to two State of New Mexico oil & gas leases:

- (a) N/2 is State lease #VO-7080-0001, dated June 1, 2004, with Chesapeake controlling 100% of the working interest
- (b) S/2 is State lease #VO-7068-0001, dated June 1, 2004, with Chesapeake controlling 100% of the working interest

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11.Chesapeake intends for the subject well to be located so that it encroaches towards the SE/4, one of the state leases within the encroaching wellbore's spacing unit.

12. In accordance with the Division's notice requirements, a copy of this application has been sent to Office of the Commission of Public Lands for New Mexico ("SLO")

WHEREFORE, Chesapeake, as applicant, requests that the Division enter its order approving this requested unorthodox well location.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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