## New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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October 8, 2009

VPR Operating, LLC Attn: Mr. James R. Huling 1406 Camp Craft Rd. Suite 106 Austin, TX 78746

> Administrative Order NSL-6098 Administrative Order SD-200906

Re: SFPRR Well No. 26

API No. 30-025

1310 feet FSL and 1330 feet FWL

Unit N, Section 27-9S-37E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Huling:

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) your non-standard location application (administrative application reference No. pTGW09-28056696) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 7, 2009,
- **(b)** your simultaneous dedication application **(administrative application reference No. pTGW09-28138229)** submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 7, 2009, and
  - (c) the Division's records pertinent to this requests.

VPR Operating, LLC (VPR) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The E/2 SW/4 of Section 27 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit in the West Sawyer San Andres Pool (55490). Spacing in this pool is governed by the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Sawyer-San Andres Pool, as adopted by Order No. R-3850, issued on October 14, 1969, which provide for 80-acre units, with one well permitted in each quarter-quarter section, to be located within 200 feet of the center of the quarter-quarter section.



This location is more than 200 feet from the center of the quarter-quarter section.

In addition, the proposed well will be the second San Andres well in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 27, which has heretofore been dedicated to the SFPRR Well No. 13 (API No. 30-025-23951), located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 27. Because the applicable pool rules allow only one well per quarter-quarter section, administrative approval is required for the simultaneous dedication of this unit to the proposed SFPRR Well No. 26 and to the existing SFPRR Well No. 13.

Your applications have been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13, 15.11.C and 4.12.A.

It is our understanding that you are seeking location and density exceptions for this well as a pilot project to test the appropriateness of developing this pool at an average density of one well per 20 acres.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because the only working interest owner in any offsetting unit other than the applicant has executed a waiver of objection, which was filed with this application.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.11.C, the above described simultaneous dedication 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 5.9.

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

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs