



New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 16, 2011

Apache Corporation  
Attn: Mr. David Catanach  
6120 S. Yale, Suite 1500  
Tulsa, OK 74136

**Administrative Order NSL-6351**

**Re: William Turner Well No. 13**  
**API No. 30-025**  
**1380 feet FSL & 1332 feet FEL**  
**Unit J, Section 29-21S-37E**  
**Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW11-05650472**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 25, 2011, and

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

Apache Corporation (Apache) [OGRID 873] has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The NW/4 SE/4 of Section 29 will be dedicated to this well in order to form standard, 40-acre oil spacing unit in the Blinebry Oil & Gas Pool (6660) and the undesignated Tubb Oil & Gas Pool (60240). Spacing in these pools is governed by the Special Rules and Regulation for the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool, and the Special Rules and Regulations for the Tubb Oil and Gas Pool, as provided in Order R-8170 issued on March 28, 1986, which provide that standard oil units in either pool shall consist of 40 acres, with wells located at least 330 feet from any unit outer boundary or

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quarter-quarter section line. This location is less than 330 feet from the southern and eastern unit boundaries.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to maximize efficient drainage of reserves in this reservoir.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, 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 5.9.

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 "Daniel Sanchez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Daniel Sanchez  
Acting Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs