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## IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

## APPLICATION OF FARLEIGH OIL PROPERTIES FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST SWEPI LP AND SHELL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY, GUADALUPE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 14583

## BAYSWATER EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, L.L.C. 'S RESPONSE TO SWEPI LP AND SHELL EXPLORATIONS & PRODUCTION COMPANYS' MOTION TO DISMISS

Bayswater Exploration and Production LLC ("Bayswater") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, for its response to the motion to dismiss filed by SWEPI LP and Shell Exploration & Production Company (collectively "Shell") states:

All the main issues raised in the Motion to Dismiss are resolved when the Division answers this question: What should be done with it appears that an operator is filing false or misleading forms with the Division?

### **THE LOGS**

Professor Carr, writing for Shell, would have you believe that Shell has been repeatedly tried to file these logs and blames the OCD for not being able to accept the log because of some computer program problems. The Facts are otherwise. A review of the OCD website for these four wells demonstrates a knowing and conscious attempt by Shell to either avoid filing or delay filing the logs.

## **REPRESENTATIVE KEY FACTS**

This case involves the well files of four (4) wellbores by Shell, but a review of the Latigo Ranch #2-34 (API No. 30-019-20136) is illustrative of the pattern and facts:

(1) APD, dated May 9, 2008, and approved by Mr. Martin on May 15, 1008—See Attached as Exhibit "A. The" APD included a statement that Shell would follow a drilling and completion plan with Wireline-Logs including Gamma Ray, Resistivity, Porosity, Neutron and Sonic data Collection, Mudlog, and Flow testing

(2) Mr. Martin's letter dated May 15, 2008 to Shell advising Shell that their request for confidentiality only allowed a 90-day period with the filing of the completion report (C-105) Attached as See Exhibit "B

(3) The well was spudded on Sep 21, 2008, at total depth on Nov 22, 2008, but not reported until April 8, 2010, See Exhibit "C" attached

(4) On Sundry Notice dated April 15, 2010, Shell reports production data, but sums result. See Attached Exhibit "D"

(5) There is a Mud Log dated Jan 31, 2009.

(6) The well is completed and ready to produce on Sept 17, 2009. See Shell letter dated May 13, 2010, Attached as Exhibit E and the completion report filed 5/13/2010-Attached as Exhibit "F"

(7) Eight months after completion, Shell files a Completion Report dated May 13, 2010—See Exhibit "F" attached

(8) There is a Gamma Ray Log filed dated June 30, 2010

#### THE PRESSURE-PRODUCTION TESTS

Where are the pressures? Where are the production tests? The Division requires and the Industry expects that they will be found in the completion reports on Division Form C-105. But the C-105 filed on May 13, 2010 by Shell leaves the impression that the true pressures and flow rates were intentionally withheld by taking 4 tests over 4 different time intervals and then summing the totals and then reporting an average press and rate. All this begs the question—Why is Shell doing this?

## THE PROCESS

Professor Carr at one time in the distant passed worked as Chief Counsel to the OCD Director, Pete Porter. Mr. Porter schooled Professor Carr on many things including the mistaken belief that if the OCD adopted rules and regulations for the oil & gas industry then the companies would police themselves by watching each others operations. Thus, if one company failed to comply, the others in the pool would report to the OCD.

Unfortunately if that was ever correct, it is not so today Companies cannot keep up with their own compliance issue much less polices the other operators for compliance. A non-operating interest owners in the area is worst off. Shell complains that this case was filed of a non-operator (Farleigh) and not the Division. Shell's complaint is an attempt at to direct the Division away from the fact Shell did not file its C-105 for more than eight months after completion of this well. Fortunately Farleigh was watching.

Farleigh's application is simply a request for a hearing so that Farleigh can present evidence that can form the basis for the Division to file an application per Rule 19.15.5.10, see Exhibit "G" attached. and impose sanctions for violation of the Oil & Gas Act. Farleigh believes that it has this proof. It will then be up to the Division to assess civil penalties and corrective action including the suspension of permits or authorization to transport.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is time for the Division to stop Shell from this gamesmanship and to send notice to the operators that they must not be using the OCD APD and Completion forms and procedures including falsely filed Division Form C-105s as a strategy to block other potential operators and mineral interest owners form having timely access to data. Specifically,

(1) Shell filed on C-103 in order to avoid filing a C-105 (completion report) with logs

(2) Shell ignores the Instructions within Form C-103 and Form C-105 and the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Commission Division.

(3) Shell does not identify the zones tested so it is anybody's guess where the gas came from.

(4) Shell and/or Mr. Bergstrom purposely report data in misleading and confusing formats.

(5) Although Shell states in their APD that they will identify individual zones and commingled zones for testing - they continue to hide the results of their wells by not reporting individual zone tests as required by the Division when wells are multiply completed. Shell acknowledges more than once in the Forms submitted that the well had seven (7) completions.

(6) Shell and the persons responsible for preparing and submitting these false reports to the Division should be held accountable by the Division.

Bayswater requests that the Division deny Shell's motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted, W. Thomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on January 31, 2011 I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading by email to the following:

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Date: 5/9/2008

Phone: 303 222.6347

Conditions of Approval Attached

## Latigo 2-34 Drilling and Completion Plan

The well will be drilled with potable (TDS<3,000 ppm) water-based fluids from surface to the bottom of the Santa Rosa Formation ("freshwater aquifer"). Surface conductor and intermediate casing strings will be installed and cemented. Below the Santa Rosa Formation, the well will be drilled with nonpotable (TDS>10,000 ppm) water-based fluids to total vertical depth (TVD). Additional intermediate casing strings and production casing will be installed and cemented. Upon completion of drilling, the casing will be perforated in selected prospective zones. Hydraulic fracturing will be performed in the prospective zones, and gas and water flow testing will be conducted in individual and/or commingled zones.

### Drilling Program

- <u>Lithology</u>
  - o Tucumcari Basin
    - This area has been the subject of limited oil & gas exploration activity
    - Approximate depths of key geologic formations are shown in Attachment A1
  - o Prospective formations are in the Pennsylvanian section
- Fluid Bearing Formations
  - o Potable water (Surface 1500 feet below ground surface)
  - o Brackish water (1500+ feet below ground surface)
  - o Natural gas/condensate (~8000+ feet below ground surface)
- <u>Drilling Fluids</u>
  - o Freshwater drilling fluids (see Attachment A2)
    - Potable (TDS < 3,000 ppm) water-based, 8.3-8.6 ppg, viscosifiers and LCM additives
  - o Brackish water drilling fluids (see Attachment A2)
    - Non-potable (TDS>10,000 ppm) water-based fluids, 8.6-10.0 ppg, salt, lime, caustic soda, viscosifiers and LCM additives
  - o Lost Circulation Materials (LCM)
    - As needed, LCM consisting of, but not limited to, cedar fibers, mica, drilling paper, graphite, walnut plug, cottonseed hulls and calcium carbonate may be introduced into the well bore to address any lost circulation zones encountered during drilling
- Wellhead Pressure Control (Blowout Prevention [BOP])
  - o Wellhead BOP equipment is standard design for "tight gas" wells, as shown on Attachment A3
    - Maximum pressures for equipment (wellhead A section to be 11"
    - 5,000 psi; wellhead B section to be 11" 10,000 psi; BOP with 11"
    - 5,000 psi annular preventer; and Ram preventers with 11" 10,000 psi)
    - Maximum downhole pressures anticipated ~6500 psi.
  - o BOP testing procedures conducted by third party contractor upon installation
    - Ram preventers to 10,000 psi and 250 psi; Annular preventer to 2500 psi and 250 psi, for 10 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively

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- Casing and Cementing Program
  - All casing run and set will be new and unused. Details are included Table 1
  - <u>Surface Casing</u>
    - o 14.75-inch diameter well bore, drilled to 1300 feet.
    - 0 10.75-inch diameter casing installed and cemented to surface
  - Intermediate Casing
    - o 9.875-inch diameter well bore, drilled to 6200 feet.
    - o 7.625-inch diameter casing installed and cemented to 1000 feet
  - Production Casing
    - o 6.5-inch diameter well bore, drilled to 13350 feet.
    - o 4.5-inch diameter casing installed and cemented to 5700 feet

### Well Completion

- <u>Casing Perforation</u>
  - Perforate casing in prospective sand zones, using three shots per foot (spf), 120 degree, phased perforating guns
- Hydraulic Fracturing
  - o Treat prospective sand zones with ceramic and/or sand proppant materials during hydraulic fracturing

### Logging and Testing

- Lithologic Logging
  - Mudlogging (to TVD); Selective coring (whole and/or rotary sidewall)
- Wireline-Logging, including but not limited to:
  - o Gamma Ray, Resistivity, Porosity, Neutron and Sonic data collection
- Flow Testing
  - o Flow individual production zones for up to 3 days
  - o Flow entire well for up to 120 days

### Water Supply for Drilling and Completions

- One water well (minimum 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch and maximum 7-inch diameter casing) will be drilled on-site about 500 feet east of the well location, on the edge of the well site
  - A temporary appropriation of up to 3 acre feet (AF) of potable water will be obtained from the Office of State Engineer-District 6 (OSE) for production of potable water from the Santa Rosa aquifer
- Potable groundwater will be available from the CD-1 water well located on the Webb-Ranch, about 3 miles from the well site
  - A temporary appropriation of up to 3 acre feet (AF) of potable water was previously approved by the Office of State Engineer-District 6 (OSE) for
     production of potable water from the Santa Rosa aquifer. This appropriation will expire in August 2008, and will be renewed with the OSE.
- Potable groundwater will be available from wells located on the Pajarito Ranch, about 22 miles from the well site
  - Parajito Creek Ranch holds appropriations for more than 500 acre feet (AF) of potable groundwater, which may be sold for any and all uses.
- Nonpotable produced water will be available from the CD-1 well located on the Webb Ranch, about 3 miles from the well site
  - Produced water from the completion and testing of CD-1 well is currently stored, and may be treated and re-used at other well locations

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Mr. Michael L. Bergstrom Shell Exploration & Production Co. Regulatory Affairs-EP Americas 4582 S. Ulster Way Parkway Suite 1400 Denver, Colorado 80237

May 15, 2008

Subject: Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) Shell Exploration & Production Co., Latigo 2-34 and Latigo 3-5 Guadalupe County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

Enclosed are the approved APD's for the above-captioned wells. Be advised that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) will not hold form C-101, form C-102 or form C-144, nor any attachments to these forms, confidential for any period of time. NMOCD rules allow only Well Completion or Recompletion Reports (Form C-105) and logs to be held confidential for a period of 90 days from date of completion of the well. Please see NMOCD Rule 19.15.13.1105.

The application to drill for the Webb 3-23 well has been forwarded to you separately.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Ed Martin District Supervisor





## **Shell Exploration & Production**

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division-District 4 1220 South St. Francis Drive Sante Fe, New Mexico 87505 Attn.: Ed Martin, District Supervisor

#### Shell Exploration & Production Co.

Regulatory Affairs-EP Americas 4582 S. Ulster Street Parkway Suite 1400 Denver, Colorado 80237



April 8, 2010

Subject: Subsequent Report of Completion Shell Exploration & Production Co., Latigo Ranch 2-34 (API No. 30-019-20136) Guadalupe County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Martin:

Shell Exploration & Production Company (Shell), as service provider to SWEPI LP in New Mexico, is submitting our Subsequent Report (Form C-103) to provide completions data for the subject well to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division-District 4 (OCD) for your review and approval. Shell has performed the completions work and flow testing for this well, as specified in the approved APD, and is currently preparing the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form C-105). Shell anticipates submitting the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log for this well, on or before April 30, 2010.

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding these reports, please contact me at (303) 222-6347, or David Janney at Kleinfelder in Albuquerque at (505) 344-7373.

Regards,

Michael L. Bergstrom Senior Regulatory Advisor Shell Exploration & Production Company

Attachments: Form C-103 w/additional details attached

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# **Shell Exploration & Production**

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division-District 4 1220 South St. Francis Drive Sante Fe, New Mexico 87505 Attn.: Ed Martin, District Supervisor Shell Exploration & Production Co.

Regulatory Affairs-EP Americas 4582 S. Ulster Street Parkway Suite 1400 Derver, Colorado 80237



May 13, 2010

Subject: Well Completion Report and Log, and Notice of Intent to Temporarily Abandon Shell Exploration & Production Co., Latigo Ranch 2-34 (API No. 30-019-20136) Guadalupe County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Martin:

Shell Exploration & Production Company (Shell), as service provider to SWEPI LP in New Mexico, is submitting our Well Completion Report and Log (Form C-105) for the subject well to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division-District 4 (OCD) for your review and recordkeeping. Downhole geophysical logs will be submitted under separate cover. Additionally, Shell is submitting our Notice of Intent (Form C-103) to temporarily abandon the subject well.

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding these reports, please contact me at (303) 222-6347, or David Janney at Kleinfelder in Albuquerque at (505) 344-7373.

Regards,

Michael L. Bergstrom U Senior Regulatory Advisor Shell Exploration & Production Company

Attachments: Form C-105 w/ mud logs Form C-103

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