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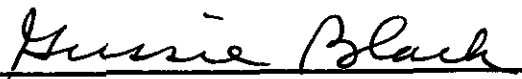
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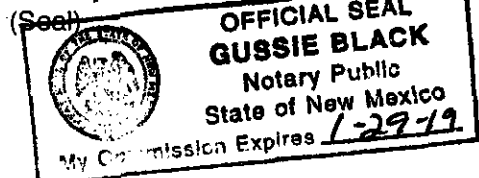
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LEGAL NOTICE
May 13, 2016

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

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on May 26, 2016 in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appoint for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact: Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 by May 18, 2016. Public documents including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary, or other type of accessible form, is needed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
All named parties and persons
having any right, title, interest
or claim in the following cases
and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

Case No. 15497: Application Of ConocoPhillips Company to Make Permanent the Authority Granted Under Administrative Order WFX-945 To Inject Water, Carbon Dioxide And Produced Gas For Enhanced Oil Recovery Within The East Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit; To Amend The Special Rules Enacted Under Order R-5897 Governing Enhanced Oil Recovery Operations Within The Unit; To Allow Administrative Approval Of Additional Injection Wells Within The Unit Without Further Notice And Hearing; And To Clarify The Surface Injection Pressures And Injection Authority Previously Authorized By The Division, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the following relief for the enhanced oil recovery operations within its East Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit ("the Unit"):

(a) to make permanent the authority granted under Administrative Order WFX-945 to use water-alternating-gas (WAG) injection utilizing water, carbon dioxide and produced gas in the twelve wells identified in the Order;

(b) to modify the Special Rules adopted under Division Order R-5897 governing the enhance oil recovery operations within the Unit as follows:

i. to eliminate the project area allowable and associated requirements set forth in Rules 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 15 and 16;

ii. to eliminate the annual determination and submission of a "weighted average project area reservoir pressure" as set forth in Rule 5;

iii. to eliminate the requirement in Rule 8 that wells remain at least 10 feet from any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary within the Unit; and

iv. to modify Rule 12 and subsequent Division administrative orders as necessary to reflect that the maximum surface injection pressures for injection wells within the Unit are as follows:

1350 psi for water;
1850 psi for carbon dioxide; and
1850 psi for produced gas.

(c) to grant an exception to the requirements in NMAC 19.15.26.8.C and 19.15.26.8.F to allow for administrative approval of additional injection wells for water, carbon dioxide and produced gas within the Unit without further notice and hearing;

(d) to confirm that the well limitation for quarter-quarter sections set forth in NMAC 19.15.15.9(A) does not apply to the enhance oil recovery operations within the Unit; and

(e) to modify Administrative Order WFX-887 to reflect approval of the injection of water, carbon dioxide and produced gas.

The Unit includes all or a portion of the acreage in Section 24 in Township 17 South, Range 34 East; Sections 18-29 and 31-35 in Township 17 South, Range 35 East; and Sections 4 and 5 in Township 18 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This Application has been set for hearing before the Oil Conservation Division on May 26, 2016. Any further information about this Application can be obtained from the following ConocoPhillips representative: Susan B. Maunder, Susan.B.Maunder@conocophillips.com, Post Office Box 51810, Midland, Texas 79710-1810, (281) 206-5281, #30929.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Exhibit No. 9

Submitted by: ConocoPhillips Company Inc.

Hearing Date: May 25, 2016