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Case 14218

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September 30, 2008

#### HAND DELIVERED

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

Re: Application of Chesapeake Energy Corporation For Cancellation of certain Permits to Drill ("APD") Issued to COG Operating LLC ("COG") Chaves County, New Mexico Section 14, T15S, R31E

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

On behalf of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, enclosed for filing is our referenced application to be set for hearing on October 30, 2008 on the Division's Examiner's docket.

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CC: Chesapeake Energy Corporation Attn: Jared Boren, Landman  $CASE \underline{|\mathcal{U}||}^{\mathcal{U}|}$  Application of Chesapeake Energy Corporation for cancellation of certain permits to drill ("APDs") issued to COG Operating LLC, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order cancelling the Division's approval of the following two applications for permits to drill ("APD") issued to COG Operating ("COG"):

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(a) API 30-005-27975 for the Andromeda Federal #1 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit A of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of this section.

(b) API 30-005-27976 for the Andromeda Federal #2 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit H of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the S/2N/2 of this section.

These units are located approximately 1/2 miles west of the intersection of New Mexico state road FAS-1231 and FAS-1242, and approximately 32 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico.

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

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PERMITS TO DRILL ("APD") ISSUED TO COG OPERATING LLC ("COG") CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## APPLICATION

Comes now CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION ("Chesapeake") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for an order cancelling the Division's approval of the following applications for permits to drill ("APD") issued to COG Operating LLC ("COG"):

(a) API 30-005-27975 for the Andromeda Federal #1 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit A of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of this section.

(b) API 30-005-27976 for the Andromeda Federal #2 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit H of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the S/2N/2 of this section.

In support of its application, Chesapeake Energy Corporation ("Chesapeake") states:

1. Chesapeake has 50% of the working interest including the right to drill and develop the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 14, T15S, R31E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. See locator map attached as Exhibit "A"

2. COG's two proposed 160-acre non-standard oil spacing unit each contain four 40-acre tracts consisting of:

(a) N/2N/2:	
Unit A and Unit B	Chesapeake = 50% and COG Oil & Gas LP=50%
Unit C and Unit D	Chase = $100\%$
(b) S/2N/2:	

Unit G and Unit H	Chesapeake = 50% and COG Oil & Gas LP=50%
Unit E and Unit F	Chase Oil Corporation= 100%

3. The Division revised and modified its Form C-102 on October 12, 2005 to require that the Operator certify that:

"I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division."

4. About September 12, 2007, COG Operating, LLC filed applications for permits to drill ("APD") with the Bureau of Land Management-Roswell that were approved on October 16, 2007 for the:

(a) API 30-005-27975 for the Andromeda Federal #1 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit A of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of this section. See first page of APD and Division form C-102 attached as Exhibit "B"

(b) API 30-005-27976 for the Andromeda Federal #2 Well, a horizontal wellbore with a surface location in Unit H of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County and to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the S/2N/2 of this section. See first page of APD and Division form C-102 attached as Exhibit "C"

5. Attached to each of these APDs was a Division Form C-102, dated September 12, 2007, that was improperly certified because COG Operating LLC had placed the bottom hole location and proposes to penetrate tracts for both of these wells on the Chase lease and had not reach a voluntary agreement with Chase or obtained a Division compulsory pooling order.

6. In doing so, COG violated the "operator certification" contained in Division Form C-102 by falsely certifying that it had an interest in each of the four 40-acre tracts to be penetrated by both wellbores

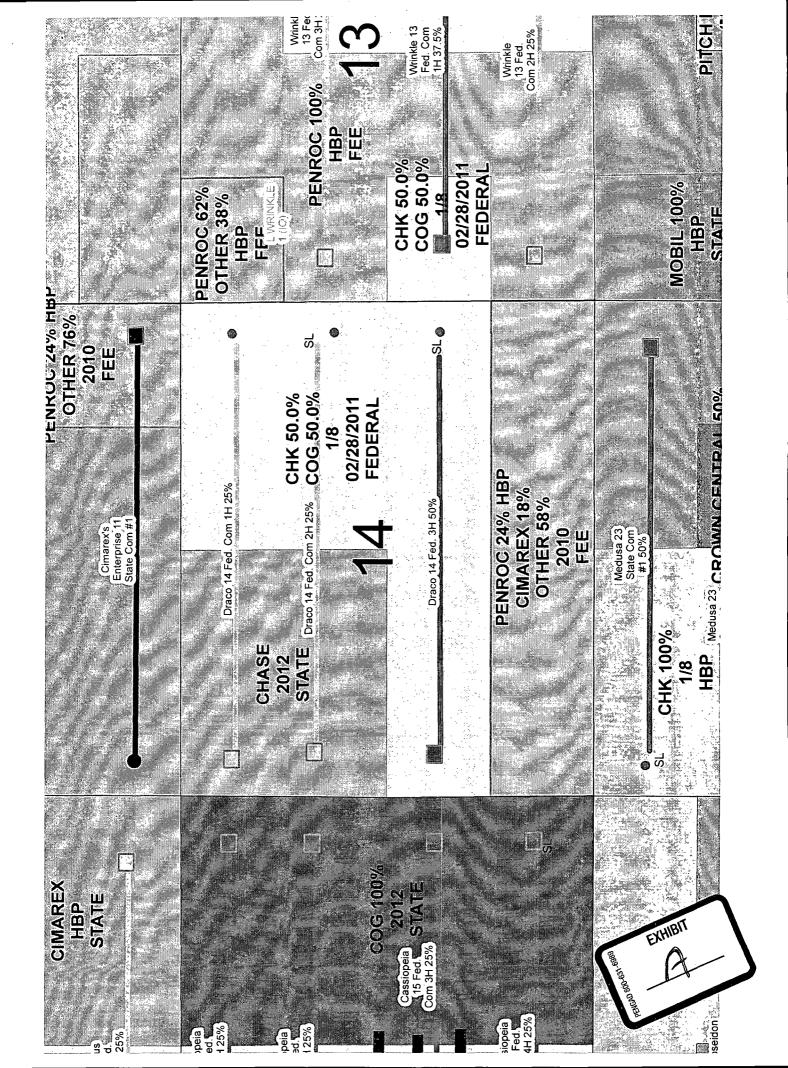
7. Chesapeake was the first operator to propose to COG Oil & Gas LP on November 26, 2007 and to Chase Oil Corporation on December 6, 2007, that:

- (a) the N/2N/2 of this section be to dedicated as a 160-acre Wolfcamp oil spacing unit for production from the Wolfcamp formation to be obtained from its proposed horizontal wellbore the Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 1H to be located drilled as a horizontal wellbore as shown on Form C-102 attached as Exhibit "D".
- (b) the S/2N/2 of this section be to dedicated as a 160-acre Wolfcamp oil spacing unit for production from the Wolfcamp formation to be obtained from its proposed horizontal wellbore the Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 2H to be located drilled as a horizontal wellbore as shown on Form C-l02 attached as Exhibit "E".

WHEREFORE, Chesapeake, as applicant, requests that this application be set for hearing on October 30, 2008 before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order cancelling these APDs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

V. THOMAS KELLAHIN KELLAHIN & KELLAHIN 706 Gonzales Road Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 (505) 982-4285



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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

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Exhibit "A"

State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005

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□ AMENDED REPORT

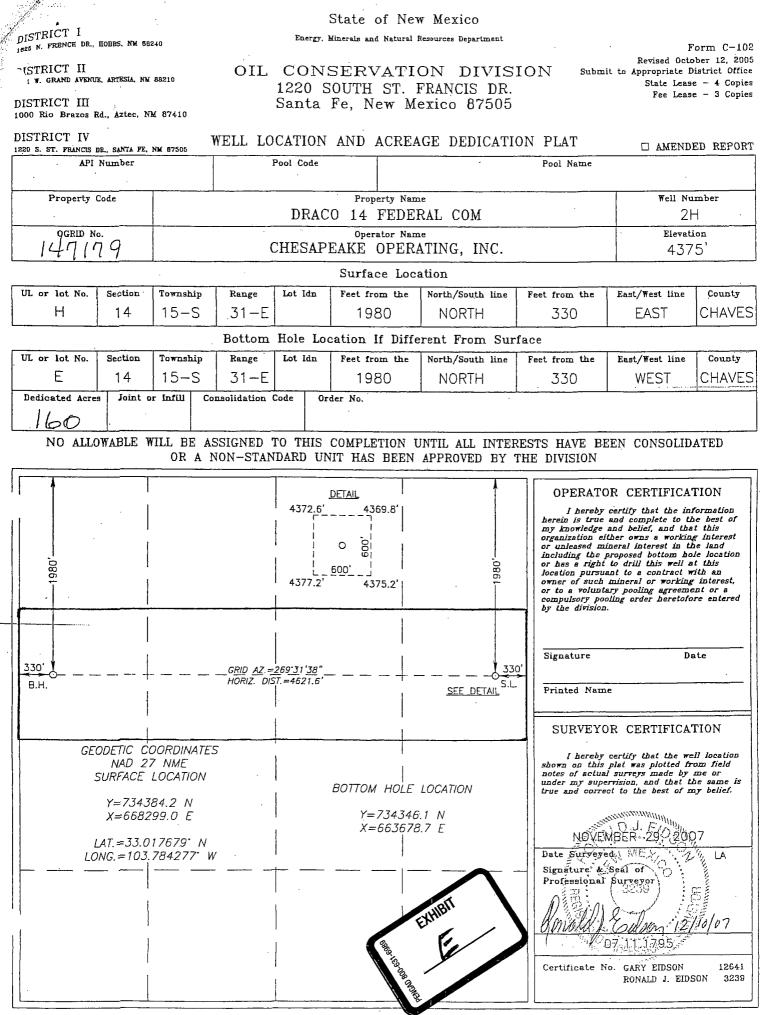
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Exhibit "F"

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