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PATRICK H. LYONS COMMISSIONER

July 21, 2010

Torch Energy Advisors 1331 LAMAR, Suite 1450 Houston, Texas, 77010-3039

Attention: Mr. R. Keith Turner

Final Approval Re: San Juan Mesa 4-30 Unit Agreement Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Turner:

This office is in receipt of your letter of July 12, 2010, wherein you have requested final approval to the San Juan Mesa 4-30 Unit Agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that the Commissioner of Public Lands has this date granted final approval to the San Juan Mesa 4-30 Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. It is our understanding that all tracts are committed to the unit at this time.

Enclosed are (5) Certificates of Approval.

Your \$510.00 filing fee has been received.

Please notify this office when the initial well has been spudded. In addition, you are required to submit continuous daily drilling reports until the initial well is completed.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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JAMI BAILEY, Director Oil, Gas and Minerals Division (505) 827-5744 PL/JB/pm

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June 17, 2010

Torch Energy Advisors 1331 Lamar, Suite 1450 Houston, Texas 77010-3039

Attention: Mr. R. Keith Turner

Re: Preliminary Approval Proposed San Juan Mesa 4-30 Exploratory Unit Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Turner:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement, which you have submitted for the proposed San Juan Mesa 4-30 Exploratory Unit area, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short-term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

- 1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
 - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
 - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
 - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
 - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.
- 3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
- 4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

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- 5. Please submit two copies of the Unit Agreement.
- 6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
- 7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well.
- 8. The filing fee for a unit agreement is \$30 for every section or partial section thereof. Please submit a filing fee in the amount of \$510.00.
- 9. Please ratify the Agreement to Maintain the State's Tract Percentages. It is our understanding that the operator will hold the Commissioner of Public Lands, agents and employees harmless from any liability, loss, damages or expenses which may arise regarding any actions or misunderstandings by any Fee or other owners regarding the State's tract participation and approval of this unit.
- 10. Torch Energy Advisors, as operator, must submit a \$20,000 surface improvement damage bond.

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