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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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New Mexico Department of
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H well in Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Chesapeake Operating Co. (OGRID No. 147179) hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 19.15.15.13 NMAC for an unorthodox well location for its Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H Well to be located in Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 36. The first perforations in the well will be at a point 330 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of the project area. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 36. A 162.53-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 36. The target for this well is the Bone Spring Shale formation underlying this acreage.

Exhibit A is a land plat for Section 36 and surrounding sections that shows the proposed non-standard location of the Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H Well in relation to adjoining units and existing wells. This location is unorthodox because the Bone Spring Shale formation under this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. The bottom hole location will be 100 feet from the South line of Section 36 for engineering reasons, and, therefore, closer to the section line than allowed by Division rules.

Exhibit B is the Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat (Form C-102), which shows that the proposed Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H Well encroaches on the spacing and proration unit to South. This acreage is operated by Devon Energy Corporation and a copy of this application with all attachments has been mailed to this affected party.

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110 North Guadalupe Suite 1 Santa Fe, NM 87501 Attention: Administrators P.O. Box 2208 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2208

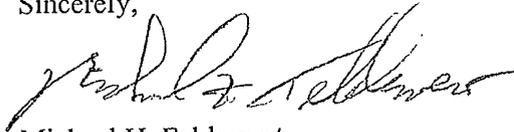
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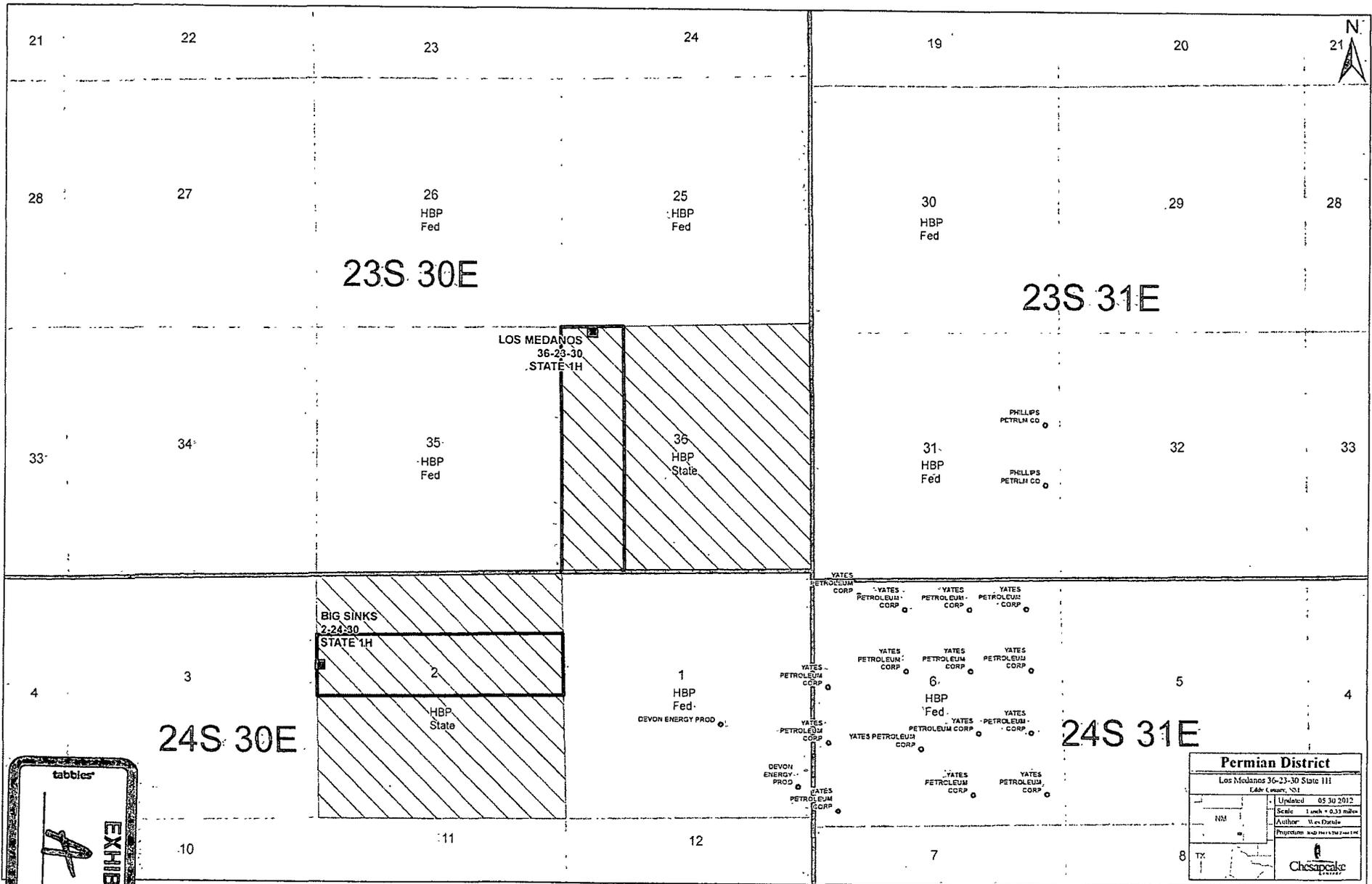
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Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Feldewert
ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING CO.



Permian District	
Los Medanos 36-23-30 State 1H	
Leake County, NM	
Updated: 05 30 2012	Scale: 1 inch = 0.53 miles
Author: M. W. Dittala	Projection: NAD 83 UTM Zone 18N

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Devon Energy Corp.
333 W. Sheridan
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Attn. Sam McCurdy

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H well in Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date by Chesapeake Operating Co. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Los Medanos 36 23 30 State 1H well. The proposed well is to be drilled at a surface location 150 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 36. The first perforations in the well will be at a point 330 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of the project area. The bottom-hole location will be 100 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 36. A 162.53-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 36. The target for this well is the Bone Spring Shale formation underlying this acreage.

As an owner of an interest that may be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date at the Division's Santa Fe office that is located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application for an unorthodox well location may be approved.

Sincerely,

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 - Engineering Bureau -
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Application Acronyms:

- [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]**
[DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
[PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
[WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
[SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
[EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

- [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication
 NSL NSP SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

- [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement
 DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM

- [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery
 WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR

- [D] Other: Specify _____

[2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply

- [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
 [B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
 [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
 [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
 [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
 [F] Waivers are Attached

[3] **SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.**

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Adam Rankin
 Print or Type Name

[Signature]
 Signature

Attorney
 Title

5/30/12
 Date

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