

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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December 8, 2006

Fairway Resources Operating, LLC c/o Mr. Joe E. Small Vice President - Land 538 Silicon Dr., Suite 101 Southlake, TX 76092



Administrative Order NSL-5521

Re:

Midnight Matador Well No. 6 API No. 30-015-35240

Unit F, Section 35, Twsp 17S, Range 27E

**Eddy County** 

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) your application (administrative application reference No. pTDS-0633360313) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on November 29, 2006, and
  - (b) the Division's records pertinent to your request.

Fairway Resources Operating, LLC (Fairway) has requested to complete its Midnight Matador Well No. 6 (API No. 30-015-35240) at an unorthodox Queen, Grayburg and San Andres oil well location, 1470 feet from the North line and 1740 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., in Eddy County, New Mexico. The SE/4 NW/4 of Section 35 will be dedicated to this well to form a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit in the Red Lake-Queen/Grayburg/San Andres Pool (51300). This location is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides that a well shall be located at least 330 feet from the outer boundary of a unit. The location is approximately 150 feet from the northern boundary of the proposed unit.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that Fairway is seeking this location exception in order to comply with location requirements of the United States Bureau of Land Management.

We also understand that ownership of the adjoining spacing unit toward which this location encroaches (NE/4 NW/4 of Section 35) is identical to the ownership of the proposed unit.

Pursuant to the authority of Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox well location is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad