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August 25, 2001

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Re: Application of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership for Unorthodox Oil Well Location OXY Chopsticks Federal #2 Well 1010 FSL & 1650 FWL of 24-T17S-R27E, Unit N Logan Draw (Wolfcamp) Oil Pool Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership ("OXY") respectfully requests administrative approval pursuant to Rule 104 to recomplete and produce the subject well at unorthodox oil well location. This well was originally drilled with Morrow as the primary objective. The surface location was orthodox for deep gas zones even after it was moved 20 feet north to the as-drilled location because of electrical power lines to the south. A copy of a topographic map is attached showing the surface obstructions in the vicinity of this location.

We drilled the well in June of 2001 and it was dry in the Morrow but so we completed it as an Atoka producer on 320-acre spacing. Production from the Atoka is now approaching the economic limit in this well and OXY desires to recomplete it to test and produce the Wolfcamp reserves. When it was originally drilled we expected the Wolfcamp to be a gas reservoir at this location (and therefore, orthodox) but subsequent activity in sections 24 and 25 has revealed a strong possibility of an oil completion in the Wolfcamp. Attached is a structure and isopach map of the Wolfcamp in this area with the Chopsticks #2 well identified with the red arrow. As you can see, it appears our Chopsticks #2 well is located structurally between the oil and the gas completions in the Wolfcamp. If the well is completed as a gas well it will be subject to 160-acre spacing rules as per Order No. R-4809. We will assign the SW/4 of section 24 as the spacing unit, and the location will be orthodox. If, however, it is completed as an oil well, 40-acre spacing rules will apply per Order No. R-11256 and the well's location will be 20 feet too close to Unit K.

Approval of this request will protect correlative rights and allow the recovery of Wolfcamp reserves that will not be recovered by any other well. All working, royalty and overriding royalty interests are common between Unit N and Unit K. Because of this fact there is no adverse impact on the owners in the 40-acre tract being encroached upon. Notice of this request is being sent by certified mail-return receipt to all working and royalty interest owners in Unit K. They are

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advised that if they have no objection to the NMOCD granting this request, they don't need to do anything. If they do object, however, then they should file a written objection with the NMOCD to the address shown above within 20 days of the date of this letter. Failure to file a timely objection will preclude the party from objecting at a later date.

A list of the noticed parties is attached as well as copies of the green cards and Form C-102. If I can provide any additional information to aid in processing this request, please call me at (281) 552-1303. Thank you for consideration of our application.

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Sincerely,

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Richard E. Foppiano Senior Advisor – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CC: Tom Kellahin All Parties on Attached Notice List Tim Gum, NMOCD District Supervisor, Artesia David Stewart

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

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative [4] 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.

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Note: Statement must be completed by all rule una million Rey. Advisor 7/24/02 <u>Name</u> Signature Title Date <u>Rick-Foppiand Coxy.com</u>





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District II 811 S. 1st Street, A District III 1000 Rio Brazos R District IV			OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87505				Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies			
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

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				or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct
				to the best of my belief.
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Service List OXY CHOPSTICKS FEDERAL #2

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