CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name:

Pogo Producing Company

Well Name & No.

Patton 17 Federal #12

Location:

720' FNL, 720' FEL, Section 17, T. 24 S., R. 31 E., Eddy County, New Mexico

Lease:

NM-89172

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Resource Area Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 887-6544 for wells in Eddy County in sufficient time for a representative to witness:

- 1. Spudding
- 2. Cementing casing: 10-3/4 inch 7-5/8 inch 4-1/2 inch
- 3. BOP tests
- 4. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
- 5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
- 6. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado formation to the surface; cable speed not to exceed 30 feet per minute.

II. CASING:

- 1. The <u>10-3/4</u> inch surface casing shall be set at <u>650 feet</u> and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.
- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>7-5/8</u> inch intermediate casing is <u>to be circulated to the surface</u>.
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>4-1/2</u> inch production casing is <u>to tie back at least 200</u> feet into the Intermediate casing.
- 4. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P Potash Area, cement shall be allowed to stand a minimum of twelve (12) hours under pressure and a total of twenty-four (24) hours before drilling the plug or initiating tests.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

The BOPE shall be installed before drilling below the <u>10-3/4</u> inch casing and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced. Before drilling below the <u>10-3/4</u> inch surface casing shoe, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of: One Annular Preventer and/or Two Ram-Type Preventers and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve

Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 2000 psi.

The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.

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