# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

# APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY FAE II OPERATING, LLC

**ORDER NO. PLC-1018** 

### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. FAE II Operating, LLC ("Applicant") submitted a complete application to surface commingle the gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A ("Application").
- 2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
- 3. Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
- 4. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") or New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO"), as applicable.
- 5. Applicant certified the commingling of gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, 19.15.12. NMAC, and 19.15.23. NMAC.
- 7. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10 A.(2) NMAC, 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(c) NMAC, and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
- 8. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9 A.(5) NMAC and 19.15.23.9 A.(6) NMAC, as applicable.
- 9. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10 B.(1) NMAC or 19.15.12.10 C.(1) NMAC, as applicable.

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- 10. Commingling of gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10 B.(3) NMAC and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(h) NMAC.
- 11. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

# **ORDER**

- 1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A.
  - Applicant is authorized to store and measure gas production off-lease from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A at a central tank battery or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A.
- 2. The allocation of gas production shall be based on the production life of each well as measured for three periods: (a) the initial production period shall be measured from the first production until the earlier of either the peak production rate or thirty (30) days after the first production; (b) the plateau period shall be measured from the end of the initial production period to the peak decline rate; and (c) the decline period shall be measured from the end of the plateau period until the well is plugged and abandoned.

During the initial production period, the gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using a production curve calculated from a minimum of ten (10) well tests per month, except that any day in which a well test cannot achieve an accurate result due to a temporary change in gas production shall not be included in the computation of time determining the well test schedule. The production curve shall be calculated by interpolating daily production for each day using the known daily production obtained by well tests and shall use a method of interpolation that is at minimum as accurate as maintaining a constant rate of change for each day's production between the known daily production values.

During the plateau period, the gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using a minimum of three (3) well tests per month.

During the decline period, the gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated as follows: (a) a minimum of three (3) well tests per month when the decline rate is greater than twenty-two percent (22%) per month; (b) a minimum of two (2) well tests per month when the decline rate is between twenty-two percent (22%) and ten percent (10%) per month; and (c) a minimum of one (1) well test per month when the decline rate is less than ten percent (10%) per month.

Upon OCD's request, Applicant shall submit a Form C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau that contains the decline rate curve and other relevant information demonstrating the production life of a well.

Applicant shall conduct a well test by separating and metering the gas production from that well for either (a) a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours; or (b) a combination of

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nonconsecutive periods that meet the following conditions: (i) each period shall be a minimum of six (6) hours; and (ii) the total duration of the nonconsecutive periods shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) hours.

The well test requirements of this Order shall be suspended for any well shut-in for a period that continues for more than fifteen (15) days until the well commences production.

- 3. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a well pad, central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.19.9. NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8 B. NMAC for such venting or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8 E. NMAC.
- 4. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(2) NMAC.
- 5. If the commingling of gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
- 6. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
- 7. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
- 8. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ALBERT CHANG DIRECTOR

Albert Chang

DATE: 9/2/2025

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

# Exhibit A

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**Operator: FAE II Operating, LLC (329326)** 

Central Tank Battery: Sholes Central Tank Battery (GAS ONLY)

Central Tank Battery Location: NE4, Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 36 East Gas Title Transfer Meter Location: NE4, Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 36 East

# **Pools**

Pool Name Pool Code
JALMAT;TAN-YATES-7 RVRS (OIL)
JALMAT;TAN-YATES-7 RVRS (GAS)
79240

# Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

| 200000 00 0011110 11 15 012 012 01 (C) 1 (C) 1 (C) |                |            |  |  |
|--|----------------|------------|--|--|
| Lease  | UL or Q/Q      | S-T-R      |  |  |
| Fee Lease A  | NENE           | 26-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease B  | SENE           | 26-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease C  | SWNW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease D  | SENW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease E  | NWSW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease F  | NESW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease G  | SWSW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| Fee Lease H  | SESW           | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| BLM Lease NMNM 105446981 (NMLC 0030554A)           | <b>W2, SE4</b> | 26-25S-36E |  |  |
| DI M I NIMBIM 105/47000 (NIMI C 0022501D)          | E2             | 25-25S-36E |  |  |
| BLM Lease NMNM 105647800 (NMLC 0032581B)           | W2NW, SW4      | 30-25S-37E |  |  |
| BLM Lease NMNM 105320165 (NMLC 0032581A)           | E2E2           | 24-25S-36E |  |  |
|  |                |            |  |  |

# Wells

| Well API     | Well Name        | UL or Q/Q | S-T-R      | Pool  |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| 30-025-09824 | LINDLEY #002     | NENE      | 26-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-09825 | LINDLEY #001     | SENE      | 26-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-09826 | W T JOYNER #001  | NESE      | 26-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-09815 | HUMPHREYS #001   | SESW      | 25-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-09812 | SHOLES B 25 #001 | SENE      | 25-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-09795 | SHOLES A #001    | SESE      | 24-25S-36E | 33820 |
| 30-025-27510 | SHOLES A #008    | E2E2      | 24-25S-36E | 72940 |

Sante Fe Main Office Phone: (505) 476-3441

General Information Phone: (505) 629-6116

Online Phone Directory https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/contact-us

# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

CONDITIONS

Action 503333

### **CONDITIONS**

| Operator:                     | OGRID:   |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| FAE II Operating LLC          | 329326   |  |
| 11757 Katy Freeway, Suite 725 | Action Number:                                 |  |
| Houston, TX 77079             | 503333   |  |
|                               | Action Type:                                   |  |
|                               | [IM-SD] Admin Order Support Doc (ENG) (IM-AAO) |  |

### CONDITIONS

| Created By     |   | Condition<br>Date |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| sarah.clelland | Please review the content of the order to ensure you are familiar with the authorities granted and any conditions of approval. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please email us at OCD.Engineer@emnrd.nm.gov. | 9/5/2025          |