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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 SD
Check One Only for [B] or [C]' MAY 2.7 2004 [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement DHC CTB PLC PC OLS Conversion Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive   [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil RecoverySanta Fe, NM 87505   [] WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR
[D] Other: Specify
[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or <b>State Property</b> [A] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners [B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
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[C] $\Box$ Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice $U/U/V/V$
[D] I 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.

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[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 normations are submitted to the Division.

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Print or Type Name	Signature	Attorneys At Law P.O. Box 2265	Date
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Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, Director Oil Conservation Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 HAND DELIVERED

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Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Administrative Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for approval of a unorthodox well location for its Rio Blanco "9" Well No. 1, Unit B, N/2 dedication, Section 9 T23S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico Northeast Bell Lake-Devonian Gas Pool

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

On behalf of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., please find enclosed our referenced administrative application that is being filed in accordance with Division Rule 104.F. This location crowds the interior line between the NW/4 and the NE/4 of this spacing unit (511 feet instead of 660 feet) consisting of the N/2 of Section.

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CC: Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. Attn: Richard Winchester

### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

## APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION**

Comes now Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon") and by and through its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and in accordance with Division General Rule 104.F, applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Rio Blanco "9" Com Well No. 1 to be located 660 feet FNL and 2129 feet FEL (Unit D) of Section 9, T23S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico to be dedicated to a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit ("GPU") consisting of the N/2 of this section to be drilled to test the Devonian formation within the Northeast Dell Lake-Devonian Gas Pool;

In support, Devon states:

1. Devon is the proposed operator of the Rio Blanco "9" Well No. 1 and a working interest owner in the N/2 of Section 9, T23S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico

2. The well is to be located 660 feet FNL and 2129 feet FEL (Unit B) Section 9, T23S, R34E, at an unorthodox gas well location. See Exhibit "A" Division Form C-102 attached.

3. Devon's proposed unorthodox well location encroached on an internal boundary of the GPU (511 feet instead of 660 feet) from the quarter section line

4. Effective August 31, 1999, the Division amended Rule 104 to require well to be no closer than 660 feet to the side boundaries of the quarter section in which the well was located.

#### **TECHNICAL EVIDENCE**

5. Devon's 3-D Seismic data demonstrates that the proposed unorthodox gas well location is estimated to be 20 feet higher within this structure feature than at the closest standard location. See Exhibit "B" Devon's seismic structure map attached.

#### **AFFECTED PARTIES**

6. All of the North half of Section 9 is part of the same State of New Mexico Oil & Gas Lease, E-1932. See Exhibit "C" attached.

7. All of the working interest owners in the N/2 of this section are in support of this application.

#### NOTIFICATION

8. Notice has been sent to all of the interest owners in the GPU. See Exhibit "D" attached.

#### REQUEST

9. Approval of this application will afford the owners and the applicant the opportunity to produce their just and equitable share of the gas in the Devonian formation, will promote the orderly development in this area, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be approve by the Division.

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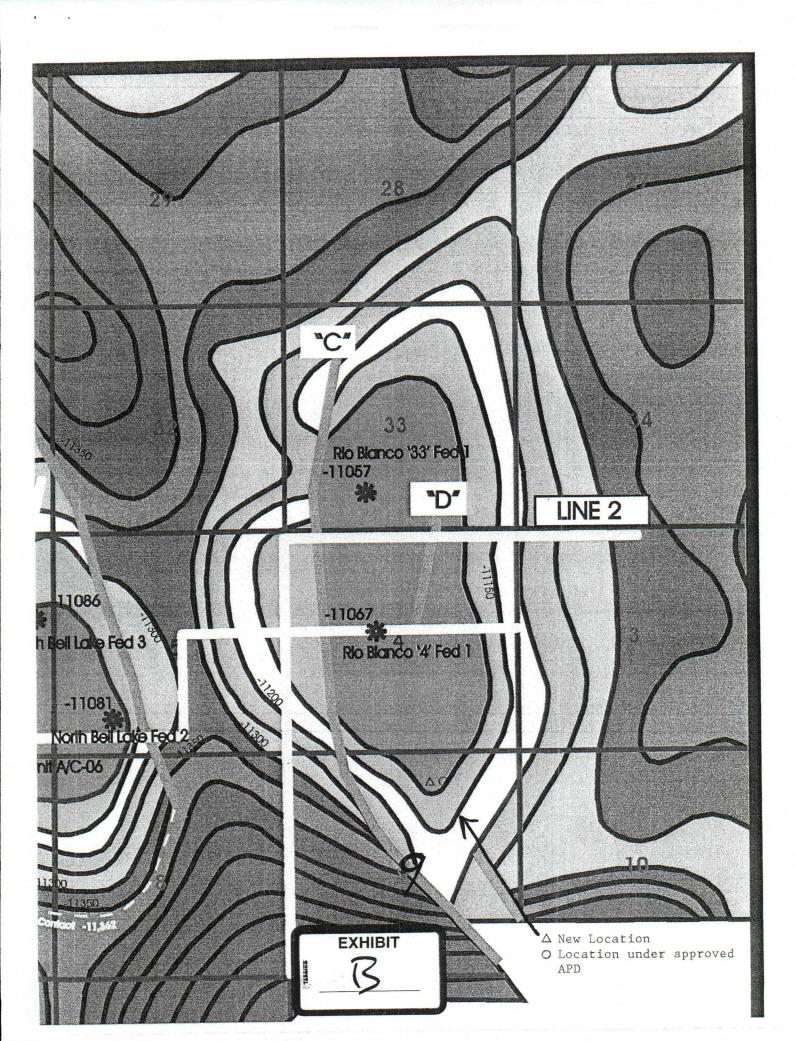
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs. NM 88240 Revised March 17, 1999 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department DISTRICT II Submit to Appropriate District Office 811 South First, Artesia, NM 68210 State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies DISTRICT III OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 2040 South Pacheco DISTRICT IV Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87505 □ AMENDED REPORT WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT Pool Code API Number Pool Name **Property** Code Property Name Well Number RIO BLANCO "9" STATE 1 OGRID No. **Operator** Name Elevation DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY LP 3405' Surface Location UL or lot No. Range Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line East/West line Section Township Fect from the County В 9 23 S 34 E 660 NORTH 2129 EAST LEA Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface Lot Idn Feet from the UL or lot No. Section Township North/South line Range Feet from the East/West line County Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Consolidation Code Order No. 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 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION 660 I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. 2129 Lat.: N32\*19'28.4" Long.: W103\*28'22.5" Signature Printed Name Title Dete SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief. MAY 24, 2004 Date Surveyed Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor No./4315 Certificate Jones No. Gary K 7977 ARSON. BASIN SURVEYS

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land, and all the rights and privileges granted hereunder; to and unto the . lessee for a primary term of five (5) years from the date hereof, and as long thereafter as oil and gas in paying quanti-ties, or either of them, is produced from said land by the lessee, subject to all the terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth.

In consideration of the premises the parties covenant and agree as follows:

Subject to the free use without royalty, as hereinbefore provided, the lessee shall pay the lessor as royalty one-eighth part of the oil produced and saved from the leased premises or the cash value thereof, at the option of the lessor, such value to be the price prevailing the day oil is run into a pipe line, if the oil be run into a pipe line, or into storage tanks, if the oil be stored.

2. Subject to the free use without royalty, as hereinbefore provided, the lessee shall pay the lessor as royalty one-eighth of the cash value of gas, including casinghead gas, produced and saved from the leased premises and marketed or utilized, such value to be equal to the greater of the following amounts:

the net proceeds derived from the sale of such gas in the field, or

(b) five cents (\$.05) per thousand cubic feet (m.c.f.), the volume of gas for such purposes to be computed on a pressure basis of 10 ounces above an assumed atmospheric pressure of 14.4 pounds per square inch, or 15.025 pounds per square inch absolute, at 60° Fahrenheit, and pursuant to appropriate regulations of the Commissioner of Public Lands which may provide, among other things, for a flowing temperature of 60° Fahren-heit to be assumed and applied in volume computation in all cases where a recording thermometer is not em-ployed by the lessee in gas measurement, and for specific gravity tests at the lessee's expense at intervals not greater than one year in all cases where a recording gravitometer is not employed by the lessee in gas measure-

ment :. Provided, however, the cash value for royalty purposes of carbon dioxide gas and of hydrocarbon gas delivered to a gasoline plant for extraction of liquid hydrocarbons shall be equal to the net proceeds derived from the sale of such gas, including any liquid hydrocarbons recovered therefrom.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the lessor acting by its Commissioner of Public Lands, may require the payment of royalty for all or any part of the gas produced and saved under this lease and marketed or utilized at a price per m.c.f. equal to the maximum price being paid for gas of like kind and quality and under like conditions in the same field or area or may reduce the royalty value of any such gas (to any amount not less than the net proceeds of sale thereof in the field) if the Commissioner of Public Lands shall determine such action to be necessary to the successful operation of the lands for oil or gas purposes or to encouragement of the greatest ultimate recovery of oil or gas or to the promotion of conservation of oil or gas.

3. Lessee agrees to make full settlement on the 20th day of each month for all royalties due the lessor for the preceding month, under this lease, and to permit the lessor or its agents, at all reasonable hours, to examine lessee's books relating to the production and disposition of oil and gas produced. Lessee further agrees to submit to lessor annually upon forms furnished by lessor, verified reports showing lesse's operations for the preceding year.

4. It is expressly agreed that the consideration hereinbefore specified is a good, valid and substantial considera-tion and sufficient if all respects to support each and every covenant herein, including specifically the option granted the lessee to prevent the termination of this lease from year to year, by the payment or tender of the further rental hereinafter provided for the termination of this lease from year to year, by the payment or tender of the further rental

An annual rental, at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 251 \_\_\_\_\_ per acre shall become due and payable to the lessor by the ' lessee, or by any transferee or assignee of the same, or any part hereof, where such transferee or assignee has been recognized, and such transfere assignment approved by the lessor as hereinafter provided, upon each acre of the land above described and then claimed by such lessee, transferee or assignee hereunder, and the same shall be due and pay-able in advance to the lessor on the successive anniversary dates of this lease, but the annual rental on any assignment shall in no event be less than Six Dollars (\$6,00). In event the lessee shall elect to suffered any or all of said acreage, he shall deliver to the Commissioner a duly executed release thereof and in event said lease has been recorded, then he shall upon request furnish and deliver to eaid Commissioner a certified conv of a duly decorded release.

said Commissioner a certified copy of a duly recorded release.

5. The lessee may at any time by paying the State of New Mexico, acting by its Commissioner of Public Lands, or other authorized officer, all amounts there due as provided herein and the further sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), surrender and cancel this lease insofar as the same covers all or any portion of the lands herein leased and be relieved from further obligations or liability hereunder, in the manner as hereinbefore provided. Provided, this surrender clause and the option herein reserved to the lessee shall cease and become absolutely inoperative immediately and concurrently with the institution of any suit in any court of law or equity by the lessee, lessor or any assignee,

to enforce this lease, or any of its terms express or implied. 6. All payments due hereunder shall be made on or before the day such payment is due, in cash or by certified exchange at the Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

7. The lessee with the consent of the lessor, shall have the right to assign this lease in whole or in part. Provided, however, that no assignment of any undivided interest in the lease or any part thereof nor any assignment of less than a legal subdivision shall be recognized or approved by the lessor. Upon approval in writing by the lessor of an assign-ment, the assignor shall stand relieved from all obligations to the lessor with respect to the lands embraced in the assignment and the lessor shall likewise be relieved from all obligations to the assignor as to such tracts, and the assignee shall succeed to all of the rights and privileges of the assignor with respect to such tracts and shall be held to have as-sumed all of the duties and obligations of the assignor to the lessor as to such tracts.

8. Lessee agrees with reasonable diligence to offset all paying oil or gas wells drilled, within 300 feet of any ne land covered by this lease and retained hereunder. of the land covered by this lease and retained hereunder.

9. The lessee agrees to notify the lessor of the location of each well before commencing drilling thereon, to keep a complete and accurate log of each well drilled and to furnish a copy thereof, verified by some person having actual knowledge of the facts, to the lessor upon the completion of any well, and to furnish the log of any unfinished well at any time when requested to do so by the lessor. If any lands embraced in this lease shall be included in any deed or contract of purchase outstanding and subsisting issued pursuant to any sale made of the surface of such lands prior to the date of this lease, it is agreed and understood that no drilling operations shall be commenced on any such lands so sold unless and until the lessee or his assignee shall have filed a good and sufficient bond with the lessor as required by law, to secure the payment for such damage to the livestock, range, water, crops or tangible improvements on such lands as may be suffered by the purchaser holding such deed or contract of purchase, or his successors, by reason of the developments, use and occupation of such lands by such lessee. Provided, however, that no such bond shall be re-quired if such purchaser shall waive the right to require such bond to be given in the manner provided by law.

10. In drilling wells all water-bearing strate shall be noted in the log, and the lessor reserves the right to require that all or any part of the casing shall be left in any non-productive well when lessor deems it to the interest of the State of New Mexico to maintain said well or wells for water. For such casing so left in wells the lessor shall pay to the lessee the reasonable value thereof.

11. Lessee shall be liable and agrees to pay for all damages to the range, livestock, growing crops or improve-ments caused by lessee's operatic's on said lands. When requested by the lesser the lesser shall bury pipe-lines below plow depth.

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12. The lessee shall not re lany machinery or fixtures placed on said mises, nor draw the casing from any well unless and until all payments and obligations due the lessor under the terms of this agreement shall have been paid or satisfied. The lessee's right to remove the casing is subject to the provision of paragraph 10 above.

13. Upon failure or default of the lessee or any assignee to comply with any of the provisions or covenants hereof, the lessor is hereby authorized to cancel this lease and such cancellation shall extend to and include all rights hereunder as to the whole of the tract so claimed, or possessed by the lessee or assignee so defaulting, but shall not extend to, nor affect the rights of any other lessee or assignee claiming any portion of the lands upon which no default has been made; provided, however, that before any such cancellation shall be made, the lessee or assignee as shown by the records of the State Land Office, a notice of intention of cancellation specifying the default for which cancellation is to be made, and if within 30 days from the date of mailing said notice the said lessee or assignee shall remedy the default specified in said notice, cancellation shall not be made.

14. All the terms of this agreement shall extend to and bind the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

15. If the lessee shall have failed to make discovery of oil and/or gas in paying quantities during the primary term hereof, the lessee may continue this lease in full force and effect for an additional term of five (5) years and as long thereafter as oil and gas in paying quantities, or either of them is produced from the leased premises, by paying each year in advance, as herein provided, double the rental provided herein for the primary term, or the highest rental prevailing at the commencement of the secondary term in any rental district, or districts in which the lands, or any part thereof, may be situated, if it be greater than double the rental provided for the primary term.

16. If the lessee shall have maintained this lease in accordance with the provisions hereof and if at the expiration of the secondary term provided herein oil or gas is not being produced on said land but lessee is then engaged in bona field crilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in full force and effect so long as such operations are diligently prosecuted and, if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil and gas in paying quantities or either of them is produced from said land; provided, however, such operations extending beyond the secondary term shall be approved by the lessor upon written application filed with the lessor on or before the expiration of said term, and a report of the status of all of such operations shall be made by the lesser to the lessor every 30 days and a cessation of such operations for more than 20 consecutive days shall be considered as an abandonment of such operations and thereupon the provisions hereof shall be of no further force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has hereunto signed and caused its name to be signed by its Commissioner of Public Lands thereunto duly authorized, with the seal of his office affixed, and the lessee has signed this agreement the day and year first above written.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, Lessor. (SEAL) Distributed this the 18th ...day of .....June ... ... 19. 48 (PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT) STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ TEXAS. COUNTY OF \_\_\_ MIDLAND. On this the 25th, day of June ....., 19.48..., personally appeared before me Erle Parne . he ..... executed the same as his ..... free act and deed. "IN, WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this cel line to zhove written. \* Notary Public. minissipa Expires: June 1, 1949. L THE NOTARY PUBLIC TAKING THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Bricek A SKUDWIASTONIANT BYOAMTORNEY IN FACT) COUNTY OF أتيديده ومستعش in stand of and provide the state of west of the ing controlled all states reports in the Charles and an ....., 19....., personally appeared On this the \_\_\_\_ day of to me known to be the person ...... who executed the foregoing instrument in behalf of ...... and acknowledged that \_\_\_\_\_here executed the same as the free act and deed of said THE TRY STREETS AND ADDRESS IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written. My Commission Expires : Notary Public. ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY CORPORATION : (CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON BACK)

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Stipulation Amending State Oil and Gas Lease No. E-1932 to Conform to Form Prescribed by Laws of New Mexico, 1957, Chapter 148, Section 1.

WHEREAS, Phillips Petroleum Company is the record owner, and Phillips Petroleum Company is the working interest owner of the original oil and gas lease set out in the caption hereof; and

WHEREAS, said lease is in good standing at the date hereof, according to the terms and conditions thereof, and all applicable statutes and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to authority granted by Laws of New Maxico, 1957, Chapter 148, Section 2, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the terms and conditions of said original oil and gas lease and of all assignments thereof be and the same are amended to conform to the terms and conditions of the lease form prescribed by Laws of New Mexico, 1957, Chapter 148, Section 1, as if said form had been the original.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY TTES Approved this 7 Th day of Morch ک 19

COMMISSIONER OF FUBLIC LANDS

(ACKNOWLEDGHENT BY CORPORATION)

STATE OF Oklahoma 1 COUNTY OF Washington !

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_

day of Lebrange 19 57 by C.O. Stark

Vice President of Fhillips Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

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My Commission Expires:

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#### RIO BLANCO "9" STATE #1

#### (Royalty Owner)

State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87504

#### (ORRI Owner)

ConocoPhillips Company 550 Westlake Park Blvd. Westlake 3, Room 5050 Houston, TX 77079

#### (Working Interest Owners)

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. 20 N. Broadway, Suite 1500 Oklahoma City, OK 73102

ConocoPhillips Company 550 Westlake Park Blvd. Westlake 3, Room 5050 Houston, TX 77079

Southwestern Energy Production Company, L.P. 2350 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77032



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May 27, 2004

#### **CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

# NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE CASE:

Re: Administrative Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for approval of unorthodox well location for its Rio Blanco "9" Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 9, T23S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico.

#### Dear Interest Owner

On behalf of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., please find enclosed a copy of its referenced administrative application. If you have no objection, then there is nothing for you to do. If you are willing to waiver objection, please sign this letter as indicated and return it to me. However, should you have any objection to the Division approving this application, then it will be necessary for you to file a written objection with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. Failure to file a timely objection will preclude you from objecting at a later date.

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WAIVER OF OBJECTION:

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_with authority for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:



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