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Administrative Order NSL-6414 Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG11-16733128

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. OGRID 6137 Thistle Unit Well No. 25H API No. 30-025-40136

## **Proposed Location:**

|                   | Footages                 | Unit | Sec. | Township | Range | County_ |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------|------|----------|-------|---------|
| Surface           | 150 FNL & 1170 FEL       | Α    | 21   | 23S      | 33E   | Lea     |
| Penetration Point | same as surface location |      |      |          |       |         |
| Terminus          | 150 FSL & 150 FEL        | P    | 21   | 23S      | 33E   | Lea     |

## **Proposed Project Area:**

| <b>Description</b> | Acres | Pool                               | Pool Code |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| E/2 E/2 Sec 21     | 160   | undesignated Brinninstool Delaware | 96193     |
|                    |       | or undesignated Cruz Delaware      | 1490      |

Reference is made to your application received on June 16, 2011.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed producing area are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

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Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to maximize the portion of the target zone that will be penetrated by the lateral portion of the wellbore, and that all perforations will be at standard locations.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9 [19.15.15.9 NMAC].

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

Sincerely,

Jami Bailey Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs United States Bureau of Land Management