NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APP NO. 1214630605

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- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Washington 33 St #37

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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 AP | PLICATI | ON - Ch | eck Tho | se Which | Apply for | [A] |
|-----|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | [A] | Location | - Spacin | g Unit - | Simultane | eous Dedic | ation |
| | | <u>NSL</u> | NSP | SD | | | |
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Apache Corporation's Washington 33 State 37 30-015-40015

| | Check (| One Only for [B] or [C] |
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| | [B] | Commingling - Storage - Measurement |
| | | DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM |
| | [C] | DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR Other: Specify |
| | [D] | Other: Specify |
| NOTIE | FICATION | ON REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or _ Does Not Apply |
| | [A] | Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners |
| | [B] | Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner |
| | [C] | Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice |
| | [D] | Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO |

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

U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office

[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 notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Print or Type Name

[E]

[F]

[2]

Signature

Waivers are Attached

Title

For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,

Date

BRIAN WOOD (505) 466-8120 FAX 466-9682 D-1 \ //

CONSULTANT

5-22-12

e-mail Address

brian@permitswest.com



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL
NONSTANDARD LOCATION
APACHE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON 33 STATE 37
330' FNL & 1550' FWL
SECTION 33, T. 17 S., R. 28 E., EDDY COUNTY, NM
API 30-015-40015

I. The proposed well is on New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) oil and gas lease X0-0647-0408 and private surface (Bogle Ltd. Company). The well bore will be 230' from the closest (west) lease line. The proposed oil well is nonstandard for the Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso (O) Pool (96830) due to land uses (US 82 drainage ditch and concrete box culvert and an over head power line anchor). A copy of the APD cover sheet is attached (Exhibit A).

Apache requests a nonstandard location due to land uses. There are multiple power lines, buried fiber optic line, multiple pipelines, one Abo well, one Yeso well, two Queen-Grayburg-San Andres wells, playa, and US 82 crossing the NWNE Section 33.

The 480 acre state lease comprises the E2 and E2W2 of Section 33. The well was planned to be staked at 330 FNL & 1650 FWL. However, that would fill a road borrow ditch, block a culvert, and force a power line anchor guy to be moved. (see Exhibit B).

A standard location must be at least 330' from the quarter-quarter line. The well bore is 230' from the closest quarter-quarter line (west side of the quarter-quarter). It is 100' too far west (see C-102 as EXHIBIT C).

II. A C-102 form showing the well and 40 acre pro ration unit (NENW Section 33) is attached as EXHIBIT C.

The oil and gas lease boundary is marked as a solid line on the attached (EXHIBIT D) topographic map. The well bore encroaches 100' too far west. The encroachment is toward a different state lease (BO-4575-0011). There are no existing or proposed Yeso wells in the encroached quarter-quarter (NWNW Section 33). There are no existing or proposed wells in two other quarter-quarters (SWSW & SWSE Section 28).

All eight bordering or cornering quarter-quarters are on state leases (Exhibit D).

III. See Exhibit E for existing and approved but not yet drilled Yeso wells (circles). Apache operates all existing or proposed Yeso wells (circles on Exhibit E) in 5 of the 8 offset quarter-quarters. There are no existing or proposed Yeso wells in the other two offset quarter-quarters (SWSW & SWSE Section 28). Closest (667') existing or approved Yeso well is Apache's existing Red Lake 28 N State 3 (30-015-34382) at 330 FSL & 1650 FWL 28-17s-28e.

This information is current and correct.

- IV. See Exhibits C and E for the proposed well, proration unit, drilling windows, and all wells. Apache does not believe it is cost effective to directionally drill this well from an existing pad.
- V. See Exhibit B for surface uses (US 82 drainage ditch and concrete box culvert and an overhead power line anchor guy) that prevent use of a standard location. There are multiple power lines, buried fiber optic line, multiple pipelines, one Abo well, one Yeso well, two Queen-Grayburg-San Andres wells, playa, and US 82 crossing the NWNE Section 33.
- VI. Archaeology is not an issue.
- VII. The well was planned to be staked at 330 FNL & 1650 FWL. However, that would fill a road borrow ditch, block a culvert, and force a power line anchor guy to be moved. (see Exhibit B).
- VIII. Apache does not believe directional drilling to a standard bottom hole location is cost effective for this well.
- IX. I hereby certify that Apache Corporation has 100% of the Yeso working interest in the lease which comprises the proposed 40 acre spacing unit and the adjacent quarter-quarters on one or more of the two sides or the single closest corner to the proposed well toward which it encroaches and that the information is current and correct.

I hereby attest that I, on or before the date that the application was submitted to the division, sent notification to the affected persons (see Exhibit F) by certified mail, return receipt requested, advising them that if



they have an objection it must be filed in writing within 20 days from the date the division receives the application. These affected persons have working or royalty interests in quarter-quarters which border the 40 acre spacing unit. Said notice was sent to:

NM State Land Office ConocoPhillips Atofina Petrochemicals, Inc.

| B-Word | | 5-21-12 |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| Brian Wood, Consultant | | Date |
| STATE OF NEW MEXICO |) | |
| COUNTY OF SANTA FE |) SS:) | |

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of May, 2012 by Brian Wood. Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-10-15

Business Address: 37 VERÁNO LOOP, SANTA FE, NM 87508

cc: Fiores, OCD (Artesia & Santa Fe)



District 111 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 Phone:(505) 334-6178 Fax:(505) 334-6170 District IV 1220 S. St Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Printed Name: Electronically filed by Bobby Smith

Phone: 432-818-1020

Email Address: bobby.smith@apachecorp.com

Date: 3/5/2012

1220 S. St Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

Phone:(505) 476-3470 Fax:(505) 476-3462 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, RE-ENTER, DEEPEN, PLUGBACK, OR ADD A ZONE 1. Operator Name and Address 2. OGRID Number APACHE CORP 873 303 Veterans Airpark Lane 3. API Number Midland, TX 79705 30-015-40015 4. Property Code 6. Well No. 5. Property Name 309175 **WASHINGTON 33 STATE** 037 7. Surface Location UL - Lot Section Township Range Lot Idn Feet From N/S Line Feet From E/W Line County C C 33 175 28E 330 N 1550 W **EDDY** 8. Pool Information ARTESIA; GLORIETA-YESO (O) 96830 Additional Well Information 9. Work Type 10. Well Type 11. Cable/Rotary 13. Ground Level Elevation 12. Lease Type New Well OIL 3676 State 14. Multiple 15. Proposed Depth 16. Fermation 17. Contractor 18. Spud Date N 5100 Yeso Formation Depth to Ground water Distance from nearest fresh water well Distance to nemest surface water 19. Proposed Casing and Cement Program Hole Size Casing Type Casing Weight/ft Setting Depth Sacks of Cement Type **Estimated TOC** 12.25 8.625 350 Surf 24 500 7.875 5.5 17 5100 750 Prod Casing/Cement Program: Additional Comments **Proposed Blowout Prevention Program** Working Pressure Test Pressure Manufacturer Type Hydril 3000 2000 I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION of my knowledge and belief. If further certify that the drilling pit will be constructed according to NMOCD guidelines ... a general permit ..., or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ...

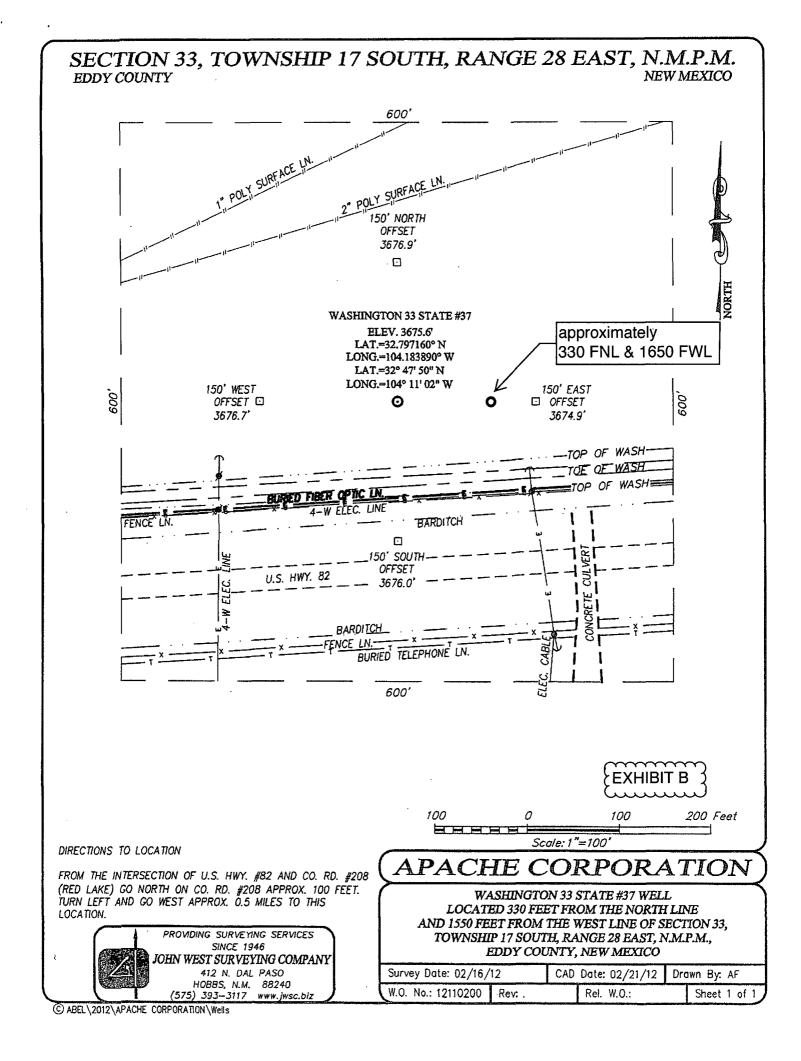
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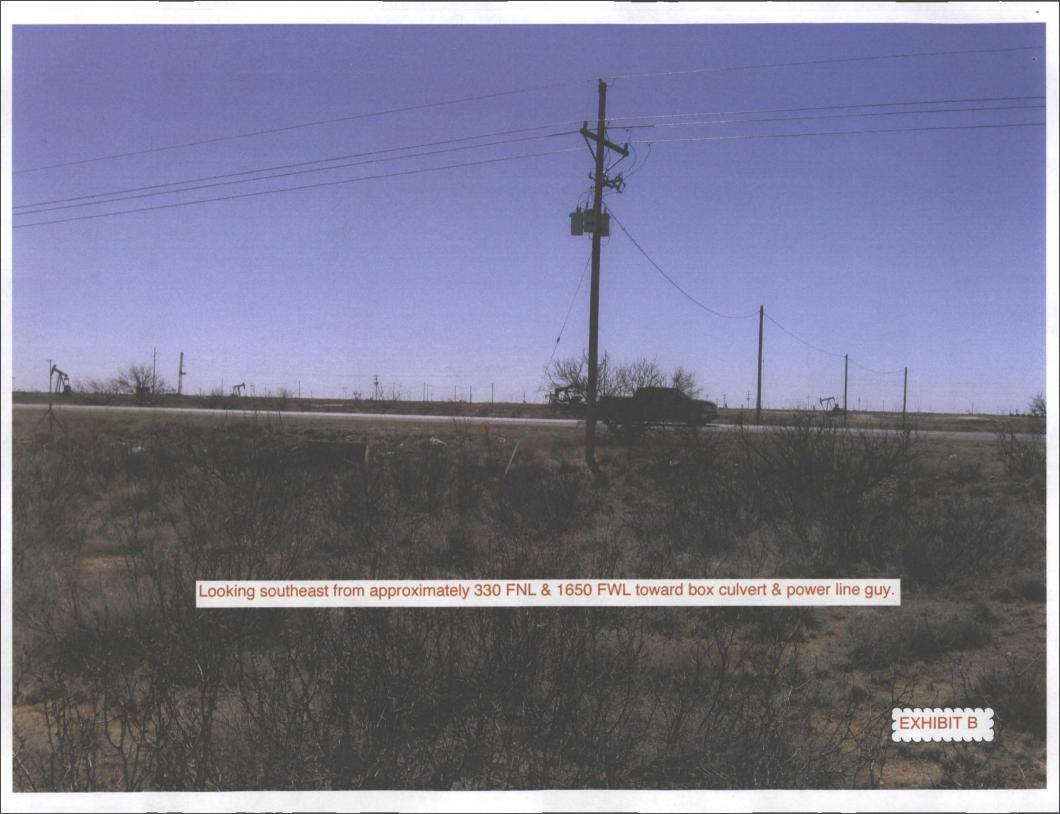
Conditions of Approval Attached

Title: District Supervisor Approved Date: 3/7/2012



Expiration Date: 3/7/2014





District I 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 Phone:(575) 393-6161 Fax:(575) 393-0720 District II 811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210 Phone:(575) 748-1283 Fax:(575) 748-9720

District III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 Phone:(505) 334-6178 Fax:(505) 334-6170

District IV 1220 S. St Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Phone:(505) 476-3470 Fax:(505) 476-3462

State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-102 August 1, 2011

Darmit 145172

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

| 1. API Number | 2. Pool Code | ARTESIA; | 3. Pool Name |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 30-015-40015 | 96830 | | GLORIETA-YESO (O) |
| 4. Property Code | 5. Property | | 6. Well No. |
| 309175 | WASHINGTON | | 037 |
| 7. OGRID No. 873 | 8. Operator APACHE | | 9. Elevation 3676 |

10. Surface Location

| UL - Lot | Section | Township | Range | Lot Idn | Feet From | N/S Line | Feet From | E/W Line | County | l |
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| С | 33 | 178 | 28E | | 330 | N | 1550 | W | EDDY | |

11. Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

| UL - Lot | Section | Township | Range | Lot | Idn | Feet From | N/S Lis | ne | Feet From | E/W Line | County |
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| | cated Acres | 13. | Joint or Infill | | 14 | . Consolidation | Code | | | 15. 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

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OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location(s) or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

E-Signed By: Bobby Smith

Title:

Date: 3/5/2012

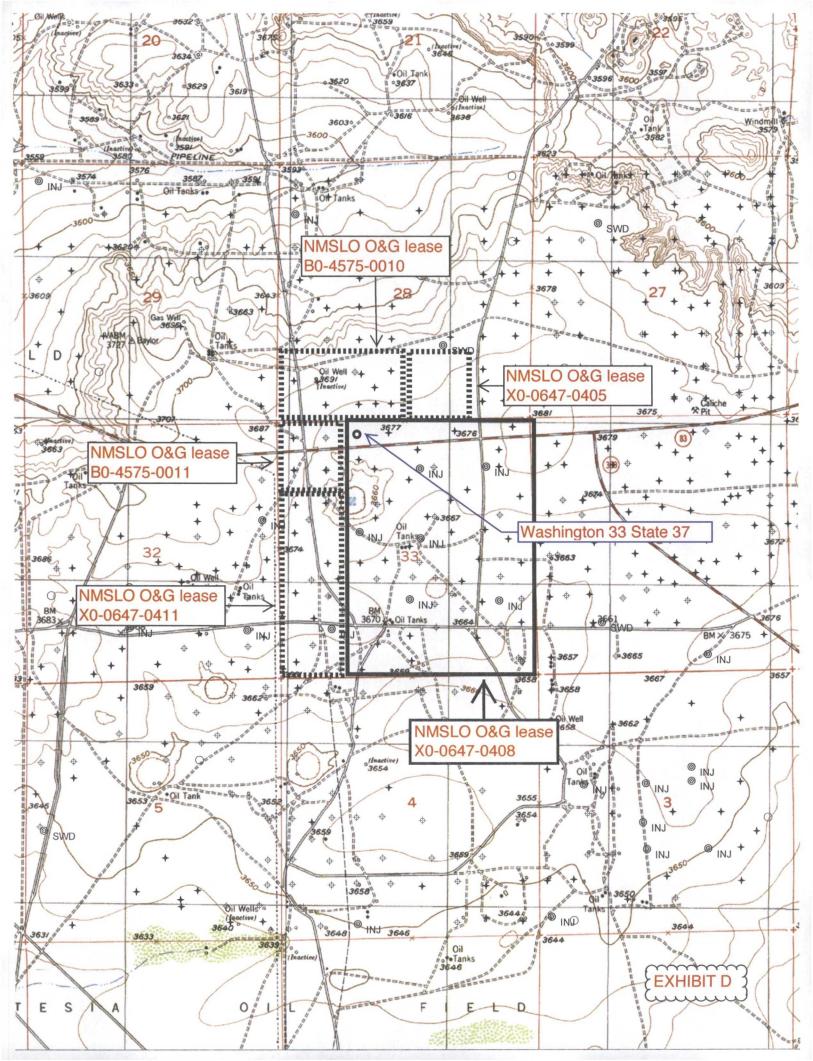
SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

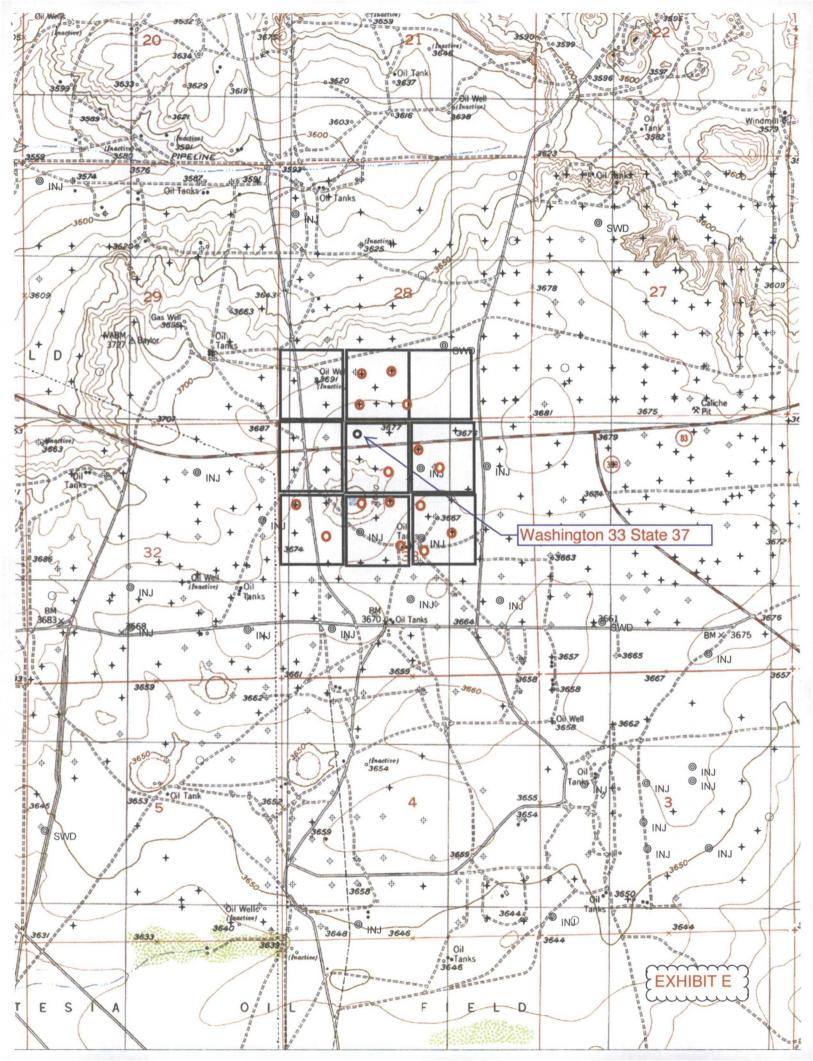
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

Surveyed By: RONALD EIDSON

Date of Survey: 2/16/2012 Certificate Number: 3239









May 21, 2012

Scott Dawson NM State Land Office P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, NM 87504

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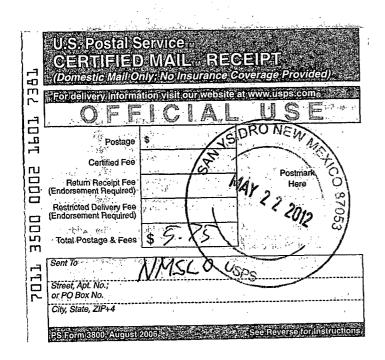
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Applicant Name: Apache Corporation (432) 818-1167

Applicant's Address: 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 300, Midland, TX 79705

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Please call me if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

Brian Wood

EXHIBITY



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See Revise or Justifications

Sincerely,

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Dallas, TX 75221

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EXHIBITE

Brooks, David K., EMNRD

To:

brian@permitswest.com

Subject:

Apache Corporation - Washington 33 State Wells ## 37 and 38 - NSL applications

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Sincerely

David K. Brooks Legal Examiner

Brooks, David K., EMNRD

From:

Brooks, David K., EMNRD

Sent:

Tuesday, June 05, 2012 10:17 AM

To:

'Brian Wood'

Subject:

RE: Apache Corporation - Washington 33 State Wells ## 37 and 38 - NSL applications

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for the information.

Re #38: Please continue checking on ownership of Unit N. That is the diagonal. My interpretation is that a location encroaches on a diagonal offset unless it is at least 467 feet from the common corner (i.e., the distance that the closest orthodox location would be -330 feet each way=467 feet diagonally).

Re #37: Please furnish a certificate of service on ConocoPhillips and Atrofina that complies with 19.15.15.13.D NMAC.

Thanks

David K. Brooks

From: Brian Wood [mailto:brian@permitswest.com]

Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 6:44 PM

To: Brooks, David K., EMNRD

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