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August 14, 2012

Apache Corporation
Attn: Mr. David Catanach

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6669
Administrative Application Reference No. pKVR12-20751253

Apache Corporation
OGRID 873
D State Well No. 88
API No. 30-015-40233

Proposed Location:

| <u>Footages</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Township</u> | <u>Range</u> | <u>County</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1460 FSL & 1755 FEL | J | 34 | 17S | 28E | Eddy |

Proposed Unit:

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Pool</u> | <u>Pool Code</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|
| NW/4 SE/4 of Section 34 | 40 | Artesia; Glorieta-Yeso | 96830 |

Reference is made to your application received on July 24, 2012.

You have requested to drill this 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. This location is less than 330 feet from a unit outer boundary.

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 to avoid interference with existing surface uses.

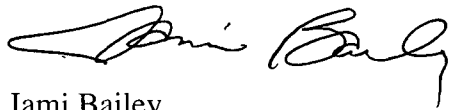
It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey", written in a cursive style.

Jami Bailey
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
New Mexico State Land Office