

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Attention:

Richard Corcoran Land Manager

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Administrative Order NSL-5291

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated August 23, 2005 that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29, 2005 (administrative application reference No. pMES0-529838849); and (ii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning CDX Rio, L.L.C.'s ("CDX") request for an exceptions to the well location requirements provided within the:

- (A) "Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987-A, issued in Case No. 12069 and dated February 1, 1999, as amended by Division Order No. R-10987-A (1), dated December 2, 2002; and
- (B) "Special Rules for the Basin-Dakota Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987-B, issued in Case No. 12290 and dated June 30, 2000, as amended by Division Orders No. R-10987-B (1), dated August 10, 2000, and R-10987-B (2), dated January 29, 2002.

CDX proposes to drill its Jicarilla "C" Well No. 4-F at an unorthodox infill gas well location in both the Blanco-Mesaverde (72319) and Basin-Dakota (71599) Pools 660 feet from the South line and 2100 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 24, Township 26 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools is to be included within an existing standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") for both pools comprising the W/2 of Section 24, which production is currently dedicated to CDX's: (i) Jicarilla "C Well No. 4 (API No. 30-039-08139), located at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the North and West lines (Unit F) of Section 24; and (ii) Jicarilla "C" Well No. 4-E (API No. 30-039-22298), located at a standard infill gas well location 790 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 24.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 605.B and the applicable rules governing both pools.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox Basin-Dakota/Blanco-Mesaverde infill gas well location for CDX's proposed Jicarilla "C" Well No. 4-F is hereby approved. The aforementioned producing wells and both spacing units will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.

Director

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