

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Director
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Energen Resources Corporation 2198 Bloomfield Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Attention:

David M. Poage District Landman

Administrative Order NSL-5336

Dear Mr. Poage:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application dated January 17, 2006 that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 26, 2006 (administrative application reference No. pTDS0-603040715); (ii) your phone call to Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer with the Division in Santa Fe, on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, 2006 checking on the status of your application; and (iii) the Division's records in Aztec and Santa Fe: all concerning Energen Resources Corporation's ("Energen") request for an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "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, for the proposed Jicarilla "117-E" Well No. 9-B (API No. 30-039-29295) to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location 2515 feet from the North line and 563 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool (72319), Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The Blanco-Mesaverde gas production from this well is to be included within an existing standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") comprising the E/2 of Section 33, which is currently dedicated to Energen's: (i) Jicarilla "117-E" Well No. 9 (API No. 30-039-21197), located at a standard gas well location 1700 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 33; and (ii) Jicarilla "117-E" Well No. 9-A (API No. 30-039-21309), located at a standard infill gas well location 950 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the West lines (Unit C) of Section 33.

Your application for Energen has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 605.B and the applicable rules governing the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox Blanco-Mesaverde infill gas well location for Energen's proposed Jicarilla "117-E" Well No. 9-B is hereby approved. Further, all three of the aforementioned wells and existing 320-acre GPU will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico and to the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.

Director

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