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HILCORP Energy Company
ATTN: Brian A. Wilbanks
1111 Travis Street
Houston, TX 77002

Re: ACOI No. 2019-001
Operator: HILCORP Energy Company.; OGRID No. 372171

Dear Operator:

Thank you for returning the signed agreed compliance order regarding inactive wells operated by HILCORP Energy Company (HILCORP). Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed order.

The Order requires HILCORP to test the wells identified in the Order starting in **March of 2020** and again in **March of 2021 and March of 2022**. The Order also requires HILCORP to file a compliance report with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Compliance and Enforcement Manager, Daniel Sanchez, with those dates and the method of testing. **The compliance report must be received in the same month that the testing took place.** If you have questions about how to file a compliance report, please contact me at (505) 476-3493.

As HILCORP works to fulfill its obligations under the order, it should also monitor the status of its other wells to ensure that wells, not associated with this agreement, do not remain inactive for a period exceeding 15 months. Remember that you can search the OCD's Inactive Well List for wells that are inactive, but not yet out of compliance.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Sanchez
NMOCD Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Encl. ACOI No. 2019-001

CC: Leslie Rickman, OCD District I Supervisor
Raymond Podany, OCD District II Geologist
Brandon Powell, OCD District III Supervisor
Will Jones, OCD District IV Supervisor

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

NMOCD – ACOI- 2019-001

IN THE MATTER OF HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY

**INACTIVE WELL
AGREED COMPLIANCE ORDER**

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-2-1 through 70-2-38 as amended (Act), and OCD rules, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) and **HILCORP Energy Company** (Operator), enter into this Agreed Compliance Order (Order or ACOI) under which Operator agrees to the schedule and procedures provided in this Order for bringing its wells into compliance, and understands that the OCD may seek additional enforcement of this Order should the Operator fail to meet the deadlines established herein.

FINDINGS

1. The OCD is the state division charged with administration and enforcement of the Act, and rules and orders adopted pursuant to the Act.
2. Operator is a Company doing business in the State of New Mexico and is registered with the OCD under Oil and Gas Reporting Identification (OGRID) No. **372171**.
3. Operator is the operator of record under OGRID **372171** for the wells identified in Exhibit "A", attached.
4. 19.15.25.8 NMAC states, in relevant part:

"A. The operator of wells drilled for oil or gas or services wells including seismic, core, exploration or injection wells, whether cased or uncased, shall plug the wells as Subsection B of 19.15.25.8 NMAC requires.

B. The operator shall either properly plug and abandon a well or place the well in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with 19.15.25 NMAC within 90 days after:

...

(3) a period of one year in which a well has been continuously inactive."
5. The wells identified in Exhibit "A"
 - a. have been (or soon will be) continuously inactive for a period of one year plus 90 days;
 - b. are not plugged or abandoned in accordance with 19.15.25.9 NMAC through 19.15.25.11 NMAC; and

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- c. are not in approved temporary abandonment status in accordance with 19.15.25.12 NMAC through 19.15.25.14 NMAC.
- 6. *(Use only if they have enough wells not in compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC to be out of compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC)* As the operator of record of _____ wells, to be in compliance with 19.15.5.9.A(4) NMAC, Operator may have no more than _____ wells out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC. See 19.15.5.9.A(4) NMAC.
- 7. Pursuant to 19.15.5.10.E NMAC, the OCD and Operator wish to enter into this ACOI to resolve violations of the Act and its rules.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The OCD has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
- 2. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are out of compliance, or soon will be out of compliance, with 19.15.25.8 NMAC.
- 3. As Operator of the wells identified in Exhibit "A", Operator is responsible for bringing those wells into compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC.
- 4. The OCD and Operator are entering into this ACOI, which sets a schedule for Operator to return the wells identified in Exhibit "A" to compliance.

ORDER

- 1. Operator agrees to bring the wells listed in Exhibit "A" into compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC within 36 months following the date the well became inactive as defined by 19.15.25.8 NMAC, and is provided in Exhibit "A", by either:
 - a. restoring the well to production or other OCD-approved beneficial use and filing a C-115 documenting such production or use;
 - b. causing the well to be plugged and abandoned in accordance with 19.15.25.10 NMAC and filing the C-105 as provided in 19.15.25.11 NMAC;
 - c. or placing the well in approved temporary abandonment pursuant to 15.15.25 NMAC.
- 2. Operator also agrees that it will perform a test for each well on Exhibit "A" one year from the start of the 36 month period of this Order, and then again two years from the start of the 36 month period of this Order for each well in Exhibit "A", and shall provide results of each test to OCD's Enforcement and Compliance Manager at 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 within 30 days of completion of the test.
- 3. If Operator has additional wells that become out of compliance, or will soon be out of compliance, with 19.15.25.8 NMAC, Exhibit "A" may be amended to include

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such wells if the OCD approves the amendment. For the additional wells, Operator shall conduct the tests required in Ordering Paragraph 2 above on or before the dates specified in Exhibit "A".

4. If the Operator returns a well to compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC the well shall no longer be considered part of Exhibit "A".
5. Operator shall file a compliance report identifying each well returned to compliance, stating the date it was returned to compliance, and describing the work performed to return the well to compliance, in addition to any other forms or documentation required by OCD rules for the work performed. The written compliance report must be mailed to the attention of OCD's Enforcement and Compliance Manager and to the Office of General Counsel at 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505, so that it is **received within 10 business days** after the well(s) return to compliance.
6. By signing this Order, Operator expressly:
 - a. acknowledges the correctness of the Findings and Conclusions set forth in this Order;
 - b. agrees to meet the deadlines established in Ordering Paragraphs 1 through 5 above;
 - c. agrees to perform the tests and submit test results as required in Ordering Paragraph 2;
 - d. agrees to submit compliance reports as required in Ordering Paragraph 5;
 - e. waives any right, pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act to an appeal from this Order, or to a hearing either prior to or subsequent to the entry of this Order regarding the matters resolved hereby; and
 - f. agrees that the Order may be enforced by OCD or Oil Conservation Commission Order, by suit or otherwise to the same extent and with the same effect as a final Order of the OCD or Oil Conservation Commission entered after notice and hearing in accordance with all terms and provisions of the Oil and Gas Act.
7. Operator understands that if it fails to meet the terms of this Order, the OCD may seek enforcement pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, including monetary penalties as authorized under NMSA 1978, § 70-2-31.
8. If a well poses a risk relating to the conservation of oil and gas or the protection of public health and the environment, the OCD reserves the right to file an application for hearing to require Operator to plug any well identified in Exhibit "A", or if the Operator fails to plug the well to obtain authority to plug the well and forfeit the applicable financial assurance.

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9. Operator understands and agrees that, except as expressly provided in this Order, nothing in this Order exempts Operator from complying with all statutes, rules, and orders Operator is otherwise subject to, and the failure to comply with any applicable statute(s), rule(s), and/or order(s) may result in OCD pursuing any remedies available under the law. Further, Operator's failure to comply with other applicable statute(s), rule(s), and/or order(s) may, in OCD's sole discretion, result in termination of this Order.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 6 day of June, 2019

By: 

Adrienne Sandoval

Director, Oil Conservation Division

ACCEPTANCE

HILCORP Energy Company hereby accepts the foregoing Order, and agrees to all of the terms and provisions set forth in that Order.

By: 

(Please print name) BRIAN A. WILBANKS

Title: SENIOR VP - LOWER 48 WEST

Date: 22 MAY 2019

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EXHIBIT “A”

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Exhibit "A"

HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY, NEW MEXICO SHUT IN WELLS

API #	WELL NAME / #	LEASE TYPE	WELL TYPE	LAST PROD	15 MO SINCE LAST PROD	1st BH TEST	2nd BH TEST	3 YR + 15 MONTH SINCE LAST PROD
3003927747	CANYON LARGO UNIT #460	F	G	12/1/2017	3/1/2019	3/1/2020	3/1/2021	3/1/2022
3003923877	CANYON LARGO UNIT #358	F	O	1/1/2018	4/1/2019	4/1/2020	4/1/2021	4/1/2022
3003925552	CANYON LARGO UNIT #393	F	G	2/1/2018	5/1/2019	5/1/2020	5/1/2021	5/1/2022
3003930056	CANYON LARGO UNIT #490	F	G	3/1/2018	6/1/2019	6/1/2020	6/1/2021	6/1/2022
3003929383	CANYON LARGO UNIT COM 468	F	G	3/1/2018	6/1/2019	6/1/2020	6/1/2021	6/1/2022
3004506179	HUERFANITO UNIT #010	S	G	3/1/2018	6/1/2019	6/1/2020	6/1/2021	6/1/2022
3004534140	IRISH #001	N	G	3/1/2018	6/1/2019	6/1/2020	6/1/2021	6/1/2022
3004531303	NV NAVAJO 25 #004	N	G	3/1/2018	6/1/2019	6/1/2020	6/1/2021	6/1/2022
3003905791	CANYON LARGO UNIT #319	F	O	4/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021	7/1/2022
3003930039	CANYON LARGO UNIT #489	F	G	4/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021	7/1/2022
3004530819	FLORANCE D #014B	F	G	4/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021	7/1/2022
3004513041	A D HUDSON #005	F	G	5/1/2018	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	8/1/2021	8/1/2022
3004507155	A R HUBBELL A #001	F	G	5/1/2018	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	8/1/2021	8/1/2022
3004524098	C M MORRIS COM #001E	F	G	5/1/2018	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	8/1/2021	8/1/2022
3004532696	H B MCGRADY B #002	F	G	5/1/2018	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	8/1/2021	8/1/2022
3004532434	ANGEL PEAK 24 #014S	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004532947	BERGER #006S	I	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004534337	BLANCO WASH FEDERAL #002M	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3003930054	CANYON LARGO UNIT #491	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004508977	FEDERAL F #001	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004506533	FEDERAL F #001	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004532432	FROST #502S	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004507151	HUBBELL GAS COM #001	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004507493	MICHENER LS #002	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004529753	WOOD #002R	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004522324	CULPEPPER MARTIN #011A	P	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004529294	NORTHBRIDGE #002	F	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3004532158	ROPCO 18 #004	P	G	6/1/2018	9/1/2019	9/1/2020	9/1/2021	9/1/2022
3003923403	CANYON LARGO UNIT 341	F	O	7/1/2018	10/1/2019	10/1/2020	10/1/2021	10/1/2022
3003923550	CANYON LARGO UNIT NP 182	F	G	7/1/2018	10/1/2019	10/1/2020	10/1/2021	10/1/2022
3003922685	CANYON LARGO UNIT 303	F	G	8/1/2018	11/1/2019	11/1/2020	11/1/2021	11/1/2022
3004529928	TIGER #012	F	G	9/1/2018	12/1/2019	12/1/2020	12/1/2021	12/1/2022
3004533814	CULPEPPER MARTIN #014E	P	G	10/1/2018	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2023
3004531299	FEDERAL A #103	F	G	10/1/2018	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2023
3004528819	ROPCO FEE FC 15 #001	P	G	10/1/2018	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2023
3003923346	CANYON LARGO UNIT 333	F	O	11/1/2018	2/1/2020	2/1/2021	2/1/2022	2/1/2023
3003929377	CANYON LARGO UNIT COM 471	P	G	12/1/2018	3/1/2020	3/1/2021	3/1/2022	3/1/2023
3004530747	LAMBE 2C	F	G	12/1/2018	3/1/2020	3/1/2021	3/1/2022	3/1/2023

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