## New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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April 7, 2008

Chevron U.S.A., Inc Attn: Mr. Casey R. Mobley 11111 S. Wilcrest, Rm S1037 Houston, TX 77099

**Administrative Order NSL-5809** 

Re: Eaves Well No. 9

API No. 30-025-

Unit H, Section 10-22S-37E

Lea County

Dear Mr. Mobley:

Reference is made to the following:

- (a) your application (administrative application reference No. pKVR08-07353175) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on March 13, 2008, and
  - (b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (Chevron) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, 1395 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., in Lea County, New Mexico. The SE/4 NE/4 of Section 10 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the Penrose Skelly-Grayburg Pool (50350). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), 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 the northern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location because your geologic interpretation indicates that the well can tap into stranded reserves located on the margins of the existing spacing unit that cannot be effectively drained by wells located at standard locations.



It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary because working interest ownership of the offsetting unit is identical to that of the principal unit.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), 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 40.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.

Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs