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April 26, 2010

Mr. J. Scott Hall Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. P.O. Box 2307 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2307

Administrative Order NSL-6188

Re: **Approach Operating LLC Doral Spill Well No. 2** API No. 30-039-30859 414 feet FSL and 1277 feet FWL Unit M, Projected Section 29-28N-4E **Rio Arriba County, New Mexico** 

Dear Mr. Hall:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (administrative application reference No. pTGW10-11256779) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of Approach Operating LLC [OGRID 248343] (Approach), on April 22, 2010, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

Approach has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. We understand that this land has not been officially surveyed, and the location has been staked by Global Positioning Systems (GPS) at 36.62431 degrees North latitude and 106.54000 degrees West longitude.

The SW/4 SW/4 of projected Section 29 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the Wildcat Tierra Amarilla Mancos Oil Pool (97767). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A, 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 projected eastern unit boundary.

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Your application on behalf of Approach has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to conform to the Design and Operational Standards for Oil and Gas Development of Rio Arriba County Ordinance No. 2009-01.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Acting Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec