### BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION **NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND** NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION OF BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE WELL DENSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE GAS POOL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, **NEW MEXICO** 

**CASE NO. 13483** 

#### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

William F. Carr, attorney in fact and authorized representative of BP America Production Company, the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that notice of the above-referenced Application was mailed to the interested parties shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto in accordance with Oil Conservation Division Rules, and that true and correct copies of the notice letter and proof of notice are attached hereto.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 13483 Exhibit No. 7

Submitted by: BP AMERICA, INC.

Hearing Date: May 19, 2005

#### **EXHIBIT A**

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April 22, 2005

## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

#### TO AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS:

Re: Application of BP America Production Company for an exception to the well density requirements for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that BP America Production Company has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking an exception to the well density requirements of Rule I.B of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool to permit it to produce the following two Mesaverde wells located in the same quarter-quarter section (SE/4 NE/4) on a standard spacing unit comprised of the East half of Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico:

the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R (API No. 30-045-29299) which was directionally drilled from a surface location 990 feet from the North line and 1710 feet from the East line (Unit B) to a bottomhole location 1847 feet from the North line and 823 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said section, and

the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B (API No. 30-045-30270) located 2200 feet from the North line and 1220 feet from the East line (Unit H) of the section.

This application was originally set for hearing on May 5, 2005 and has now been continued to the hearing before a Division Examiner on May 19, 2005 at Porter Hall located in the Division's Santa Fe Offices. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement four days in advance of a scheduled hearing at the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe Office located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call

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to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

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ATTORNEY FOR BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY

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**BP** America Production Company

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY, FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE WELL DENSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE GAS POOL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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#### APPLICATION

BP America Production Company, (BP), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order granting an exception to the well density requirements of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool to permit it to simultaneously produce two wells in a single quarter-quarter section and in support of its application states:

- 1. BP is the operator of a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool comprised of the E/2 of Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- 2. The Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool is governed by Special Rules and Regulations which provide for 320-acre spacing and proration units on which as many as four wells may be drilled. (Order No. R-8170, as superseded by Order No. R-10987-A, effective February 1, 1999 and amended by Order No. R-10981-A(1), effective December 2, 2002). These Special Pool Rules and Regulations provide:

#### II. ACREAGE AND WELL LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Standard GPU (Gas Proration Unit): A Standard GPU in the Blanco0Mesaverde Pool shall be 320-acres, more or less, comprising any two contiguous quarter sections of a single section that is a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys.

#### B. Well density:

- (1) Up to four (4) wells may be drilled on a standard GPU, as follows:
- (a) the FIRST OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in the quarter section not containing the INITIAL Mesaverde well;
- (b) the SECOND OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in the quarter-quarter not containing a Mesaverde Well and within a quarter section of the GPU not containing more than one (1) Mesaverde well;
- (c) the THIRD OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in a quarter-quarter section of the GPU not containing a Mesaverde well and within a quarter section of the GPU not containing more than one (1) Mesaverde well;
- (d) at the discretion of the operator, the second or third optional infill well may be drilled prior to the drilling of the first optional infill well;
- (e) no more than two wells shall be located within either quarter section in a GPU, and
- (f) any deviation from the above-described well density requirements shall be authorized only after hearing....
- 3. In the fall 1995, BP directionally drilled the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R (API No. 30-045-29299) as a high-angle well on this 320-acre GPU from a surface location 990 feet from the North line and 1710 feet from the East line (Unit B) to a bottomhole location 1847 feet from the North line and 823 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- 4. The primary objective in the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R was the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and the well was permitted as a Mesaverde test. The well fully complied with applicable Mesaverde well density requirements.
- 5. In the summer of 2001, BP drilled its Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B (API No. 30-045-30270) on this 320-acre GPU at a location 2200 feet from the North line and 1220 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

- 6. The primary objective in this the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B was the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and the Well was permitted as a Mesaverde test.
- 7. The Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R and the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B produce form correlative intervals in the Mesaverde formation until BP discovered that both Wells were completed in the same quarter-quarter section in violation of the density requirements of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool at which time BP shut in the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B(?). The well remains shut-in and is not producing from the Mesaverde formation.
- 8. While the total number of wells on this Mesaverde GPU is less than what is allowed, both the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R and the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B are located in the same quarter-quarter Section.
- 9. BP therefore requests that the Division enter its order granting an exception to the well density requirements of Rule I B. of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool approving the location of the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B in the Mesaverde formation and authorizing BP to simultaneously produce both the Holmberg Gas Com Wells No. 1R and 1B located in the SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 28. At full development of the GPU, BP will operate only two Mesaverde wells in the NE/4 of said Section 28 and no more than four wells in this 320-acre GPU. BP therefore does not seek to increase the number of wells in this GPU.
- 10. Approval of this application will not impair the correlative rights of any other interest owner in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, and will afford BP the opportunity to utilize the existing wells to produce the reserves from this GPU.

11. Approval of this application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, BP America Production Company requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 5, 2005 and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting an exception to the well density requirements of Rule I.B of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool approving location of the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1B in the Mesaverde formation and authorizing BP to simultaneously produce both the Holmberg Gas Com Wells No. 1R and 1B located in the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, NMPM.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE :

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Said wells are located approximately 12 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

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### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on May 5, 2005, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe. New Mexico, before an examiner duly appoint for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader; amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact: Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 by April 25, 2005. Public documents including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

#### CASE 13483:

Application of BP America, Inc. for an exception to the well density requirements for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an exception to the well density requirements of to permit it to produce the following two Mesaverde wells located in the same quarter-section (SE/4 NE/4) on a standard spacing and proretion, unit NMPM:

the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 1R (API No. 30-045-29299) which was directionally drilled from a surface location 990 feet from the North line and 1710 feet from the East line (Unit B) to a bottomhole location 1847 feet from the North line and 823 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said section, and

the Holmberg Gas Com Well No. 18 (API No. 30-045-30270) located 2200 feet from the North line and 1220 feet from the East-line (Unit H)the section.

Said wells are located approximately 12 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 12th day of April 2005.

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E., Director

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