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Re: Request for Extension of Time to Complete Well

Hadar 10 Federal Com Well No. 4H (30-015-42572) Division Order No. R-13989 (Case No. 15286)

Dear Mr. Bruce:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) received your letter regarding the referenced subject on May 9, 2016. It is our understanding that Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. is concerned that the current low oil prices will detrimentally affect the economics of completing this well and it would be advantageous to wait for costs to come down and product prices to rise and consequently requests an extension to this compulsory pooling order.

The OCD has reviewed your request and hereby extends the date to commence the completion of this well on or before June 1, 2017.

If you have any question, please contact William V. Jones at <u>williamv.jones@state.nm.us</u> or call (505)-476-3477.

Sincerely;

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

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Cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia District Office

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May 7, 2016

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Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Request for Extension of Well Completion

Hadar 10 Fed. Com. Well No.4H (API No. 30-015-42572)

Order No. R-13989/Case No. 15286 Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

By letter dated January 14, 2016, the OCD extended the date to commence completion operations on the Hadar 10 Fed. Com. Well No. 4H to on or before June 1, 2016.

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Completion costs remain the most expensive item in drilling a well. Although costs have been coming down, it is still expensive. Additional time should allow further reductions in the costs of completion. In addition, the price of oil remains severely reduced, which detrimentally affects well economics. As a result, Devon requests additional time to begin completion operations until on or before June 1, 2017.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours

James Bruce

Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.