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To: Catanach, David, EMNRD

Subject: RE: C-108

Good question, David. Let me talk to some of our people around here and at Hobbs about this.

Thanks for the inquiry.

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From: Catanach, David, EMNRD [mailto:david.catanach@state.nm.us]

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To: Stephens, Mark E. (Houston)

Subject: C-108

Mark,

I've been reviewing your latest application to convert the NHGSAU No. 632 to injection, and we've got a slight problem. Order No. R-6199-B authorized CO2 injection into the Phase I area of the North Hobbs Grayburg San Andres Unit. Order No. R-6199-B also approximately defined the Phase I area based upon the evidence Oxy submitted at the hearing. Within Section 31, only the N/2 is contained within the Phase I area. Well No. 632 is located within the SE/4 of Section 31, and out of the Phase I area. Pursuant to the order, I can approve Well No. 632 as a water injection well, but I cannot approve this well for CO2 injection. If Oxy is expanding CO2 injection beyond the Phase I area, I think that Oxy will have to come in and amend R-6199. Any thoughts?

David

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