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State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

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April 11, 2006

P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

Holland & Hart LLP P. O. Box 2208 Santa Fe. NM 87504-2208

Attn: Mr. William F. Carr

Re:

Final Approval

South Redlake II Unit

NMOCD Statutory Unitization Case Nos. 13489, Order No. R-12386

Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

This office is in receipt of your letters of February 28, 2006 and April 5, 2006, wherein on behalf of McQuadrangle, LC you have requested final approval of the South Redlake II Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that the Commissioner of Public Lands has this date granted final approval to the South Redlake II Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Also, approved on this date, is your initial plan of operation for the above mentioned unit area. It is our understanding that no fresh water will be used in this unit agreement. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management.

Enclosed are (5) Certificates of Approval.

This unit agreement shall become effective on the first day of the calendar month next following the approval of this agreement by the BLM, the Land Commissioner and the Oil Conservation Division. Please submit a copy of the "Certificate of Effectiveness" pursuant to Article 24 of the South Redlake II Unit agreement.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

JAMI BAILEY, Director

Oil, Gas and Minerals Division

(505) 827-5744

PL/JB/pm

pc: Reader File

OCD-Attention: Roy Johnson

BLM-Attention: Ms. Alexis Swoboda TRD-Attention: Mr. Valdean Severson RMD-Attention: Mr. Kurt Mcfall

EXHIBIT E

-State Land Office Beneficiaries -

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

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- (a) That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said area.
- (b) That under the proposed agreement, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the area.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Approval is executed, with seal affixed, this 11TH day of APRIL, 2006.

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ROSWELL FIELD OFFICE 2909 West Second Street Roswell, New Mexico 88201-2019

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Holland & Hart LLP Attention: William F. Carr P. O. Box 2208 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2208

Gentlemen:

Your application for the first expansion of the South Red Lake II Unit No. NMNM109695X, Eddy County, New Mexico, filed on behalf of McQuandrangle, LC, has been approved as of this date. Approval of the first expansion, effective as of the first day of the month after approval for the expansion is granted by the Commissioner of Public Lands and the BLM, increases the size of the unit from 881.61 acres to 961.61 acres. Please furnish this office with a copy of the Commissioner of Public Land's approval letter and the effective date of the unit.

You are required to furnish the Commissioner of Public Lands and other interested principals with appropriate evidence of this approval.

Sincerely,

VLarry D. Bray

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Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals

Enclosures