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

APPLICATION OF BLACKBUCK RESOURCES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 20461** 

## XTO'S ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE

XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) moves the Division to continue the above-referenced case currently scheduled for the May 2, 2019, Examiner Hearing Docket. As support, XTO states:

- 1. In Case 20461, Blackbuck Resources, LLC (Blackbuck) seeks an order approving its proposed the **Ian SWD Fed 1** to be drilled in SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 31 East in Eddy County for injection into the Devonian-Silurian formations.
- XTO is the operator of the Poker Lake Unit and objects to this proposed commercial disposal well on the grounds that it will interfere with existing and proposed Unit operations.
- 3. Blackbuck did not contact XTO about its proposed commercial disposal well before filing its application.
- 4. This matter should be continued to allow the parties time to discuss the concerns raised by XTO and to ascertain whether actions can be taken to avoid impacting XTO's ongoing and future development operations in the Poker Lake Unit.
- 5. XTO is not aware of any gross negative consequences to Blackbuck if this matter is continued to allow the parties time to discuss the proposed commercial disposal well and the concerns raised by XTO.

6. Counsel for Blackbuck has been contacted but has not yet determined whether Blackbuck will agree to a continuance of this matter.

WHEREFORE, XTO respectfully requests that the Division continue the May 2nd hearing scheduled for this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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