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November 15, 2005

HAND-DELIVERED

Ms. Florene Davidson New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re:

NMOCD Case No. 13608; Application of Mack Energy Corporation for Contraction of the East Empire Yeso Pool and Extension of the Horizontal Boundaries and the Vertical Limits of a Portion of the Grayburg Jackson (Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing is an Application in the referenced matter. Also enclosed in hard copy and on disk is a proposed advertisement for the Division's use.

Please schedule the hearing for the December 15, 2005 Examiner hearing docket. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

MILLER STRATVERT P.A.

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LAW OFFICES

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MACK ENERGY CORPORATION FOR CONTRACTION OF THE EAST EMPIRE YESO POOL AND EXTENSION OF THE HORIZONTAL BOUNDARIES AND THE VERTICAL LIMITS OF A PORTION OF THE GRAYBURG JACKSON (SEVEN RIVERS-QUEEN-GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES) POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. <u>/3608</u>

APPLICATION

Applicant, Mack Energy Corporation, through its undersigned attorneys, Miller Stratvert P.A. (J. Scott Hall) hereby makes application for an order contracting the East Empire Yeso Pool and simultaneously extending the horizontal boundaries and the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Seven River-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool. In support, Applicant states:

1. Applicant is the Operator of the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit which is comprised of approximately 2,400 acres of State of New Mexico and fee lands located in Eddy County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM

2. The Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Agreement was originally approved by the Oil Conservation Commission in Order No. R-3127, as amended, issued on October 4, 1966. Primary and secondary recovery operations by way of a waterflood are being conducted in the Unitized Formation which is described as that portion of the Grayburg San Andres formation encountered between the depths of 2,200' and 3,600'.

By way of separate application to the Division, Applicant is seeking an

amendment to the Division's order approving the Unit Agreement to extend the vertical limits of

the Unitized Formation to include all formations from the top of the Seven Rivers formation to

the base of the Glorieta-Yeso (Paddock) formation. Applicant also seeks authorization to expand

unit operations, including waterflood injection operations in the proposed expanded intervals of

the Unitized Formation.

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4. The Grayburg Jackson (Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool (28509)

was established pursuant to Order No. R-850 issued on January 1, 1950. The boundaries of the

Grayburg Jackson Pool have been extended several times. All of the Unit Area of the Grayburg-

Jackson West Cooperative Unit is contained within the current boundaries of the Grayburg

Jackson Pool, except for the following acreage:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM

Section 22: N/2 SW/4, SW/4 SW/4

Section 27: W/2 SW/4 Section 28: N/2

5. The Glorieta-Yeso (Paddock) formation within the horizontal boundaries of the

Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit described in paragraph 4, above, is within the East

Empire Yeso Pool (96610).

6. Oil and gas reserves within the Seven Rivers, Queen, Grayburg, San Andres and

Glorieta-Yeso (Paddock) formations will be most efficiently and economically recovered

through expanded unit operations being proposed by the Applicant for the Grayburg-Jackson

West Cooperative Unit.

7.

To enable Applicant to conduct unit operations in the expanded Grayburg-Jackson

West Cooperative Unit as proposed, Applicant seeks to amend the boundaries for the Grayburg

Jackson Pool and the East Empire Yeso Pool as follows:

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(a.) Contracting the horizontal limits of the East Empire Yeso Pool to exclude the following acreage:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM

Section 22: N/2 SW/4, SW/4 SW/4 Section 27: W/2 SW/4 Section 28: N/2

(b.) Expanding the horizontal limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool to include that acreage described in subparagraph (a) above; and

(c.) Extending the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool to include the Glorieta-Yeso (Paddock) formation underlying the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit.

8. The amendment of the horizontal boundaries and vertical limits of the pools, as requested, will promote the efficient and orderly development of additional hydrocarbon reserves in the Unit Area of the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit, will serve to prevent waste and is otherwise in the interests of conservation.

WHEREFORE, Applicant Mack Energy Corporation requests that after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order granting the relief requested above.

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CASE NO. 13608; Application of Mack Energy Corporation for contraction of the East Empire-Yeso Pool and extension of the horizontal boundaries and the vertical limits of a portion of the Grayburg-Jackson (Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order contracting the East Empire-Yeso Pool to exclude the following acreage:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM
Section 22: N/2 SW/4, SW/4 SW/4
Section 27: W/2 SW/4
Section 28: N/2

Applicant also seeks an order simultaneously extending the horizontal boundaries and the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Seven River-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool within the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit which is comprised of approximately 2,400 acres of State of New Mexico and fee lands in the following acreage:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM

The subject lands are located in the immediate vicinity of Loco Hills, New Mexico.