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September 30, 2008

#### HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, Director Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Chesapeake's Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 1H (API # pending) N/2N/2 Section 14, T15S R31E Application of Chesapeake Energy Corporation for approval of a 160-acre non-standard oil proration and spacing unit and Compulsory Pooling Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

On behalf of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, enclosed for filing is our referenced application to be set for hearing on October 30, 2008.

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CC: Chesapeake Energy Corporation Attn: Jared I. Boren, Landman

CASE/4.2. Application of Chesapeake Energy Corporation for approval of a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit and for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the formation of a 160-acre nonstandard spacing and proration unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of Section 14, T15S. R31E, Chaves County, N. M. to be dedicated to its Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 1H (API# pending) which will be located at a standard surface location 660 feet FNL and 330 feet FEL (Unit A) and deviated so that when the wellbore penetrates the Wolfcamp formation it will be at a standard subsurface location then drilled horizontally in an westerly direction staying within a producing area 330 feet from each of the end and side boundaries of this spacing unit and ending at a standard bottom hole location 660 feet FNL and 330 feet FWL (Unit D). In addition, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the above-described acreage. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing this well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as the operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in this well. This unit is located approximately 32 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico.

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

### IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A 160-ACRE NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND FOR COMPULSORY POOLING CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## APPLICATION

CASE NO. / 422

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Comes now CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION ("Chesapeake") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval of a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of Section 14, T15S, R31E, Chaves County, N. M. to be dedicated to its Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 1H (API# pending) which will be located at a standard surface location 660 feet FNL and 330 feet FEL (Unit A) and deviated so that when the wellbore penetrates the Wolfcamp formation it will be at a standard subsurface location then drilled horizontally in an westerly direction staying within a producing area 330 feet from each of the end and side boundaries of this spacing unit and ending at a standard bottom hole location 660 feet FNL and 330 feet FWL (Unit D). In addition, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the above-described acreage. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing this well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as the operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in this well.

In support of its application, Chesapeake Energy Corporation ("Chesapeake") states:

- Chesapeake has the right to drill and develop the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying two of the four 40-acre tracts composing a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit consisting of the N/2N/2 of Section 14, T15S, R31E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. See locator map attached as Exhibit "A"
- 2. This proposed 160-acre non-standard oil spacing unit contains four 40-acre tracts:

a. N/2NE/4: Chesapeake = 50% and COG = 50%

b. N/2NW/4: Chase = 100%

- 3. On November 26, 2007, Chesapeake proposed COG Oil & Gas LP ("COG") and on December 6, 2007 Chesapeake proposed to Chase Oil Corp. ("Chase") that the N/2N/2 of this section be to dedicated as a 160-acre Wolfcamp oil spacing unit for production from the Wolfcamp formation to be obtained from its proposed horizontal wellbore the Draco 14 Federal Com Well No. 1H to be located drilled as a horizontal wellbore as shown on Form C-102 attached as Exhibit "B".
- 4. On October 23, 2007, COG, without first proposing its well to Chesapeake, obtained approval of an application for permit to drill ("APD") from the BLM for its Andromeda Federal Well No. 1H (API # 30-005-27975).
- 5. In doing so, COG violated the Division Form C-102 by falsely certify that it had an interest in both the surface and bottom hole location for this wellbore when in fact the bottom hole location and two of the tracts to be penetrated are within tracts controlled by Chase. See Exhibit "C" attached.
- 6. On December 17, 2007, COG having received Chesapeake's well proposal responded to Chesapeake with a competing wellbore.
- 7. At this time, Chesapeake has not been able to obtain a written voluntary agreement from all the parties listed on Exhibit "D"
- 8. While Division Rule 111 provides that a project area for a horizontal wellbore may include a combination of complete spacing units, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act limits compulsory pooling to the tracts of land embraced within a spacing or proration unit. See 70-2-17.C NMSA 1978. It appears that a project area for a horizontal wellbore that contains multiple 40-acre oil spacing units cannot be pooled unless a non-standard spacing unit is also approved. Therefore, Chesapeake seeks the designation of the N/2N/2 of this section as a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit.
- 9. Pursuant to Section 70-2-17.C NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, the applicant needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.
- 10. Pursuant to Commission Order R-11992, effective August 15, 2003, Chesapeake requests that a 200% risk charge be applied.
- 11. In accordance with the Division's notice requirements, a copy of this application has been sent to the parties whose interest are to be pooled and whose current addresses are known as listed on Exhibit "D" of the applicant's request for a hearing of this matter before the Division on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for October 30, 2008.

WHEREFORE, Chesapeake, as applicant, requests that this application be set for hearing on October 30, 2008 before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interest described in the appropriate spacing unit for the drilling of this well location upon terms and conditions which include:

(1) Chesapeake Operating, Inc. be named operator;

(2) Provisions for applicant and all working interest owners to participate in the costs of drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well;

(3) In the event a working interest owner fails to elect to participate, then provision be made to recover out of production, the costs of the drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well, including a risk factor charge of 200%;

(4) Provision for overhead rates per month drilling and per month operating and a provision providing for an adjustment method of the overhead rates as provided by COPAS;

(5) For such other and further relief as may be proper.

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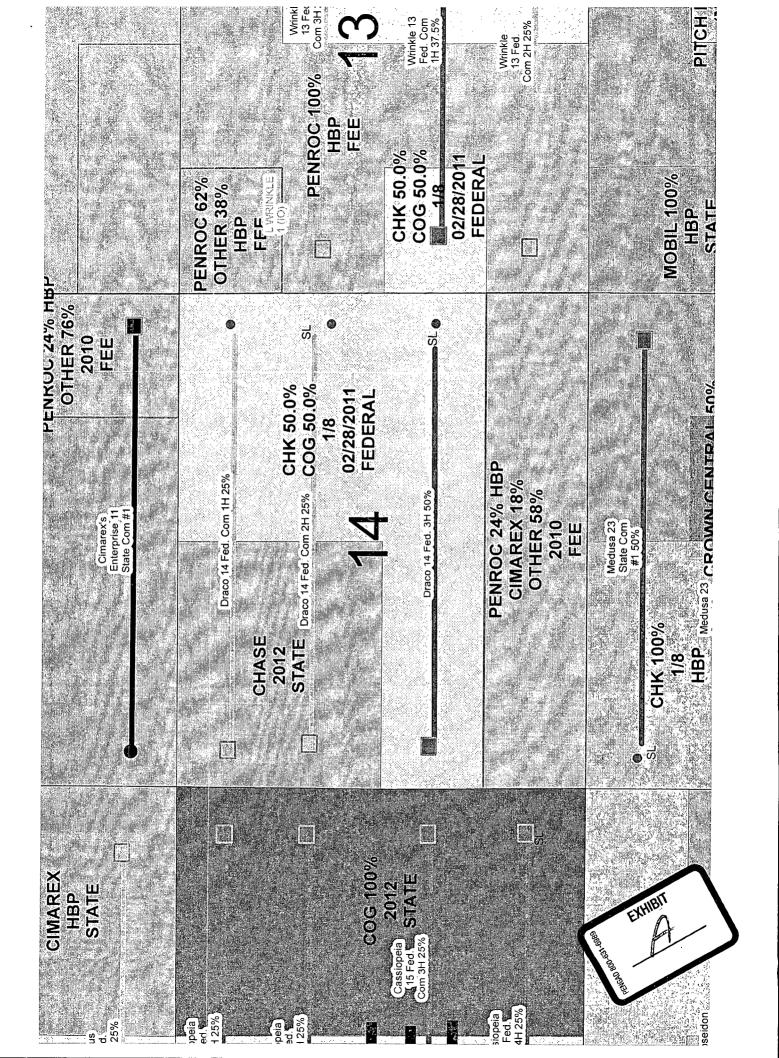
Exhibit "D"

COG Oil & Gas LP 550 West Texas Avenue Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701

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Penroc Oil Corporation 1515 Calle Sur Street Hobbs, NM 88240

Chase (need address)



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DISTRICT II 1801 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 86210

DISTRICT III

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Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005 Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

#### Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 1000 Bio Brazos Ed., Artec, NN 87410 DISTRICT IV WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT AMENDED REPORT 1820 S. ST. FRANCES DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505 API Number Pool Code Pool Name Well Number **Property** Code Property Name DRACO 14 FEDERAL COM 1H OGRID No. Elevation Operator Name CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. 4377 Surface Location UL or lot No. Section East/West line Township Range Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the County CHAVES А 14 15-S 31-E 660 NORTH 330 EAST Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot No. Section Township Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line East/West line Range Feet from the County *dhaves* 14 15-S 31-E 660 NORTH 330 WEST D Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Consolidation Code Order No. NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION OPERATOR CERTIFICATION 660 660' I hereby certify that the information I hereby certify that the information berein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organisation either owns a working infarest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, as to a submitter project and the 330' GRID. AZ. - 269'31'34" 330 HORZ. DIST. - 4618.7' B.H. S.L SEE DETAIL or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division. BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION GEODETIC COORDINATES Y=735665.8 N NAD 27 NME X=663674.4 E SURFACE LOCATION Y=735703.9 N Date Signature X=668291.7 E LAT.=33.021307° N Printed Name LONG.=103.784278° W SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby cartify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me dr under me meaning and that the same is DETAIL 4380.8<sup>'</sup>

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#### State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Exhibit "A"

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005

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□ AMENDED REPORT

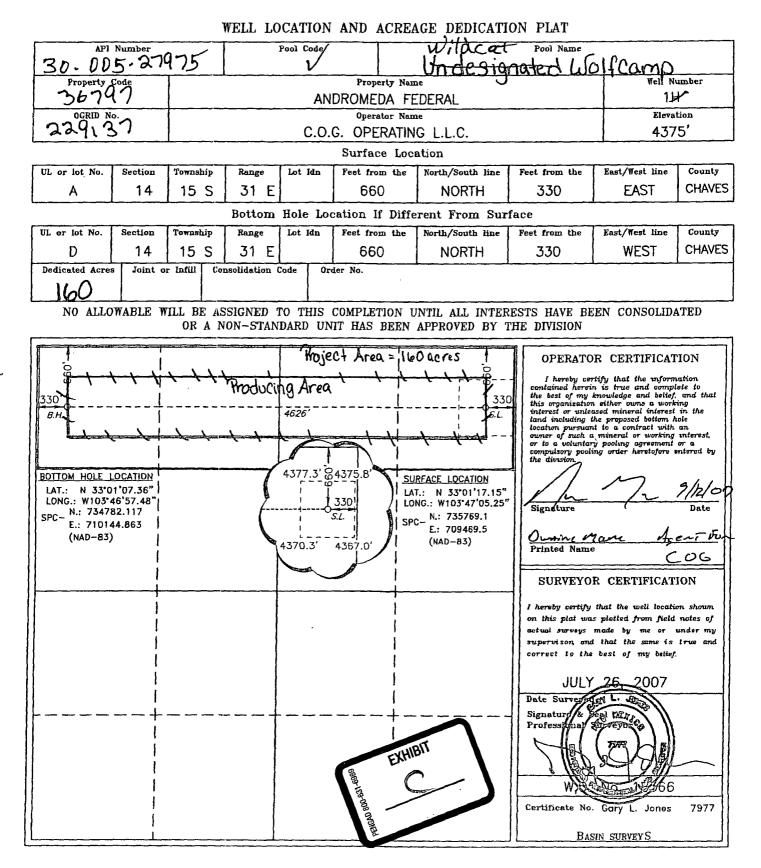


Exhibit "D"

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