

PATRICK H. LYONS COMMISSIONER

## State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

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March 4, 2009

LimpusJones, Inc.
111 South Kentucky Avenue
Roswell, New Mexico 88203-4518

Attention: Ms. Bonita Jones

Re: Preliminary Approval

Proposed Thunderhead Unit Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Jones:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement, which you have submitted on behalf of Branex Resources, Inc., for the proposed Thunderhead Unit area, Chaves County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

- 1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 1.045, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
  - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
  - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
  - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
  - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.
- 3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
- 4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and Designation from the Bureau of Land Management. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management.

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- 5. Please submit two copies of the Unit Agreement.
- 6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
- 7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well.
- 8. Branex Resources, Inc. needs \$20,000 Surface Improvement Damage Bond to be filed in this office.
- 9. On Page 1, please date the agreement.
- 10. On Page 3, Section 4, please insert the Unit Operator's name
- 11. Please submit a filing fee in the amount of \$120.00.

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

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cc: OCD-Santa Fe, Attention: Mr. Ed Martin BLM-Roswell, Attention: Mr. John Simitz

**BLM-Carlsbad**