

NMOCD Examiner Hearing September 16, 2010
 Docket #3110 Case # 14541

Exhibit 5 Authorization for Expenditures

MERRION OIL & GAS

Drilling and Completion Cost Estimate

Prepared by Paul Thompson, Thompson Engineering and Production Corp.
 AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

Westland Park #1

Location: NWA Section 18, T28N, R13W, San Juan Co., CO
 Objective: Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal

Proposed Depth: 11,000' Objective: Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal

I. Tangible Drilling Costs (Does not include running production casing)

Conductor Casing (40' x 5-in. @ 25.75' / ft.)

Surface Casing (120' of 4 1/2" @ 14.25' / ft.)

Casing Head
 ...Total Tangible Drilling Costs

II. Intangible Drilling Costs (Does not include running production casing)

Survey and Permits

Tac Options and Land Costs

Damages

Pit, Liner and Fence

Dill Conductor Hole

Dilling Footage @ 19' / 100ft.

Rig Rentals

Fuel (Propane)

Water and Water Hauling

Dilling Mud

Drill Bits (Footage)

Current Surface

Lops

Environmental Disposal

Maceraliteous & EGP P. Test

Trucking

Engineering/Separation

Intangible Drilling Costs

Total Drilling Costs

10% Contingency

Grand Total Drilling Costs

III. Tangible Completion Costs

Production Casing (1100' of 4 1/2" - 10.5# at 7.50' / ft.)

Float Equipment

Tubing (1000' of 2 3/8" @ 4.50' / ft.)

Rot's, Pump, SB, PR, etc.)

Separator

Flowlines

Tank and Fittings

Pumpjack and Motor

Pipeline

Reserve Assessment Drilling

(Reserve Assessment Equipment)

Cement Production Casing

Pest

Stimulation (Single PC or Single FTC)

Tool Rental (Frac Valve)

Frac Tank Rental

Completion Fluids & Disposal

Completion Rig (3 days at \$3000/day)

Baler

Flowline Installation

Trucking

Reserve location

Engineering/Separation

Total Intangible Completion Costs

Total Completion Costs

10% Contingency

Grand Total Completion Costs

IV. Intangible Completion Costs

Spool 4 1/2" casing (175' @ 6.50' / ft.)

Casing Crew

Completion Rig (3 days at \$3000/day)

Baler

Flowline Installation

Trucking

Reserve location

Engineering/Separation

Total Intangible Completion Costs

Total Completion Costs

10% Contingency

Grand Total Completion Costs

V. Grand Total Wall Costs

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Westland Park #2

Location: NWA Section 18, T28N, R13W, San Juan Co., CO (BBL - NE4)

Proposed Depth: 900' TVD + 2222 MD
 Objective: Horizontal Basin Fruitland Coal

Total

I. Tangible Drilling Costs (Does not include running production casing)

Conductor casing (27' of 4 1/2" @ 47.00' / ft.)

Surface Casing (120' of 4 1/2" @ 14.25' / ft.)

Casing Head
 ...Total Tangible Drilling Costs

II. Intangible Drilling Costs (Does not include running production casing)

Survey and Permits

Tac Options and Land Costs

Damages

Pit, Liner and Fence

Dill Conductor Hole

Dilling Footage @ 19' / 100ft.

Rig Rentals

Fuel (Propane)

Water and Water Hauling

Dilling Mud

Drill Bits (Footage)

Current Surface

Lops

Environmental Disposal

Maceraliteous & EGP P. Test

Trucking

Engineering/Separation

Intangible Drilling Costs

Total Intangible Drilling Costs

10% Contingency

Grand Total Intangible Drilling Costs

III. Tangible Completion Costs

Production Casing (1100' of 4 1/2" - 10.5# at 7.50' / ft.)

Float Equipment

Tubing (1000' of 2 3/8" @ 4.50' / ft.)

Rot's, Pump, SB, PR, etc.)

Separator

Flowlines

Tank and Fittings

Pumpjack and Motor

Pipeline

Reserve Assessment Building

Measurement Equipment

Separators

Flowlines

Tank and Fittings

Pumpjack and Motor

Pipeline

Reserve location

Engineering/Separation

Total Intangible Completion Costs

Total Completion Costs

10% Contingency

Grand Total Completion Costs

V. Grand Total Wall Costs

ESTIMATED COSTS ONLY - Each participating Owner to pay Proportionate Share of Actual Well Costs Subject to Operating Agreement

Approved _____

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Date: July 27, 2010

Working Interest Owners

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