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VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
Application for Permit to Drill
Warehouse 10 Well No. 1
Surface location: 1172' FNL and 2445' FEL
Bottom hole location: 1438' FNL and 1856' FWL
Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Bahlburg Exploration Inc. is a working interest owner in the all tracts in the W/2 of Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 36 East on which Chesapeake Operating, Inc. is proposing to drill the above referenced well. Enclosed are copies of Division Form C-101 (Application for Permit to Drill) and C-102 (Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat) which have been filed with the Division by Chesapeake. As you will note, Form C-102 bears the notation that "NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION."

Bahlburg requests the Division not permit the drilling of this well prior to Chesapeake receiving all necessary regulatory approvals. In particular, Bahlburg is opposed to Division approval of the drilling of this well prior to the proper combination of the tracts to be dedicated thereto.

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As you will note from the enclosed, the proposed bottom hole location for this well is unorthodox under Rule 4 of the Special Pool Rules for the Northeast Shoe Bar-Strawn Pool for it crowds the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 10. Therefore, as a working interest owner in the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 10, Bahlburg Exploration Inc. hereby objects to this proposed unorthodox bottom hole location and requests that Chesapeake's application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division.

As of this date, Chesapeake has not proposed a well on the E/2 NW/4 of Section 10 to the other affected working interest owners. Bahlburg believes that standup 80-acre spacing units in the E/2 W/2 of this section, like the one proposed by Chesapeake in the E/2 NW/4, will make it difficult if not impossible to develop the reserves under the W/2 W/2 of this section since this acreage is located in the City of Lovington and the only surface locations for the development of this tract are in the E/2 of the section. Accordingly, until all working interest owners have had an opportunity to negotiate a voluntary agreement for the development of this acreage, Bahlburg requests that the Division withhold approval of the proposed Chesapeake well.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

Attorney for Bahlburg Exploration Inc.

cc: Mr. Chris Williams (Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail) (505) 393-0720

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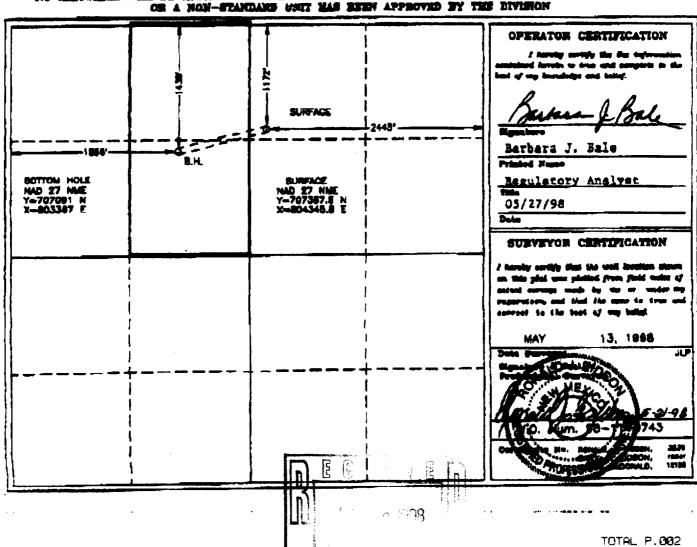
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