

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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October 7, 2004

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Attention:

Anna Walls

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Administrative Order NSL-5119

Dear Ms. Walls:

30-015-33665

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on September 20, 2004 (administrative application reference No. pMES0-426540009); (ii) the Division's initial response from Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer/Hearing Officer with the Division in Santa Fe, by e-mail on Tuesday morning, September 21, 2004; (iii) your reply dated September 22, 2004 with the necessary technical data necessary to complete your application; and (iv) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Forest Oil Corporation's ("Forest") request to drill its Barclay State Well No. 5 within a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the South Livingston Ridge-Delaware Pool (96149) comprising the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, at an unorthodox oil well location 1500 feet from the North line and 1400 feet from the East line of Section 2.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the productive Brushy Canyon "E" sandstone then a well drilled at a location considered to be standard for the South Livingston Ridge-Delaware Pool within this unit.

Further, it is the Division's understanding that all of Section 2 is a single State mineral lease issued by the New Mexico State Land Office (State Lease No. V-00302-0005) in which Forest owns 100 % leasehold interest.

By the authority granted me under the provision of Division Rule 104.F (2), as revised, the above-described unorthodox oil well location for Forest's proposed Barclay State Well No. 5 within the South Livingston Ridge-Delaware Pool is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.

Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

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