Form 3160-5 (June 2015)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1004-0137 Expires: January 31, 2018

5.	Lease Serial No.
	NMNM4350

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SUBMIT IN 1	7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.							
Type of Well	8. Well Name and No. HECKBERRY 23 FEDERAL 1H							
Name of Operator CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF CO.	9. API Well No. 30-015-41115							
3a. Address 202 S. CHEYENNE AVE STE TULSA, OK 74103	10. Field and Pool or Exploratory Area HACKBERRY							
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T.	11. County or Parish, State							
Sec 24 T19S R30E 1980FNL	EDDY COUNTY, NM							
12. CHECK THE AF	PROPRIATE BOX(ES) T	TO INDICA	ΓE NATURE OI	F NOTICE,	, REPORT, OR OTH	IER DATA		
TYPE OF SUBMISSION								
Notice of Intent	☐ Acidize	Dee	Deepen		tion (Start/Resume)	■ Water Shut-Off		
☐ Subsequent Report	☐ Alter Casing		☐ Hydraulic Fracturing		ation	■ Well Integrity		
	Casing Repair	_	Construction	Recom	-	☑ Other Venting and/or Flari		
☐ Final Abandonment Notice	☐ Change Plans ☐ Convert to Injection	☐ Plug and Abandon ☐ Plug Back		☐ Tempor	rarily Abandon	ng		
Cimarex requests to flare approximately 4100 mcf through April 1st 2017 through June 30th 2017 due to DCP Maintenance and high line pressure issues. Wells associated with this battery: Hackberry 23 Federal #1H 30-015-41115 Hackberry 23 Federal #2H 30-015-42093 Hackberry 23 Federal #3H 30-015-42078 NMOIL CONSERVATION: ARTESIA DISTRICT JUL 19 2017 SEE ATTACHED FOR RECEIVED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL								
14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is	true and correct. Electronic Submission #3	71494 vorifie	d by the BI M Wel	Unformatio	n System			
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Approved By Conditions of approval, if any, are attached certify that the applicant holds legal or equivalent would entitle the applicant to conductions.	Title Office		JUL 10 BUREAU OF LAND CARLSBARGER	201/ Date A				
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 States any false, fictitious or fraudulent s	U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a c statements or representations as t	rime for any pe o any matter w	rson knowingly and thin its jurisdiction.	willfilly to m	ake to any department or	agency of the Unifed		

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carlsbad Field Office 620 East Greene Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 575-234-5972

Pursuant to, 43 CFR 3179

Lessees or operators are hereby authorized to vent or flare gas on a short-term basis <u>without incurring a royalty</u> obligation in the following circumstances:

- A. 43 CFR 3179.105 Emergencies (a) An operator may flare or, if flaring is not feasible given the emergency, vent gas royalty-free under §3179.4 (a) (vi) of this subpart during an emergency. For purposes of this subpart, an "emergency" is a temporary, infrequent and unavoidable situation in which the loss of gas or oil is uncontrollable or necessary to avoid risk of an immediate and substantial adverse impact on safety, public health, or the environment. For purposes of royalty assessment, an "emergency" is limited to a short-term situation of 24 hours or less (unless the BLM agrees that the emergency conditions necessitating venting or flaring extend for a longer period) caused by an unanticipated event or failure that is out of the operator's control and was not due to operator negligence.
- B. 43 CFR 3179.4 Determining when the loss of oil or gas is avoidable or unavoidable.
 (2) Avoidably lost oil or gas means: Lost oil or gas that is not "unavoidably lost," as defined in paragraph (a) of this section; waste oil that became waste oil through operator negligence; and, any "excess flared gas," as defined in §3179.7.
- C. 43 CFR 3179.5 When lost production is subject to royalty.
 - (a) Royalty is due on all avoidably lost oil or gas.
 - (b) Royalty is not due on any unavoidably lost oil or gas.

Condition of Approval to Flare Gas

- 1. The first 24 hours of a <u>temporary emergency flare</u> is considered "unavoidably lost" and is therefore royalty free. Flared volumes that are considered unavoidably lost are not to be included in Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). These Volumes are not royalty bearing and shall be reported on OGOR "B" as either disposition code "21" or "22".
- Flared volumes considered to be "avoidably lost":
 These flare events will require prior approval via Notice of Intent- Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
 Volumes flared beyond limits defined in 43 CFR 3179.7 are considered "avoidably lost" and will require payment of royalties, unless an exception is granted in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.
 Volumes for avoidably lost gas shall be reported on OGOR "B" reports as disposition code "08".
 - If the operator believes that the flared volumes were "unavoidably lost" and the BLM determines them to be "avoidably lost", the operator can submit a more detailed request via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for an exception in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 3179.103 3179.105. As an alternative to producing oil and flaring gas the operator may choose to shut the well in and avoid paying royalties on otherwise avoidably lost gas.
- 3. Approval not to exceed 90 days, if flaring is still required past 90 days submit new request for approval.

- 4. Submit Subsequent Report with actual volumes of gas flared for each month gas is flared on a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5). <u>Include method for volume determination and duration</u>. <u>Report unavoidably lost (first 24 hrs. of unexpected event) and avoidably lost (exceeding the first 24 hrs. or flared gas that has been approved as avoidably lost by the Authorized Officer) volumes and durations on the Subsequent Report.</u>
- 5. In determining the volumes of gas to be reported, shall be in accordance with 43 CFR 3179.4, 43 CFR 3179.5, 43 CFR 3179.9 and 43 CFR 3179.10
- 6. The operator must estimate or measure all volumes of gas vented or flared gas by one of the following methods.
 - Measure the flare gas by a meter. The meter shall meet all requirements for a sales meter as per Federal Regulations, 43 CFR 3175 (due to volume of gas being flared).
 Include meter serial number on Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5).
 - ii. Calculate the volume of the flared gas based on the results of a regularly performed GOR test and measured values for the volumes of oil production and gas sales, so as to allow BLM to independently verify the volume, rate, and heating value of the gas flared.

Regulation Ref: Link to 43 CFR 3179 **Waste Prevention and Resources Conservation**; https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-

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