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GAS CAPTURE PLAN

Date: <u>06-05-2017</u>

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Operator & OGRID No.: OXY USA INC. - 16696

☐ Amended - Reason for EAST Hent:

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomplete to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: Form C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule (Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

### Well(s)/Production Facility - Name of facility

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

Well Name	API	Well Location	Footages	Expected	Flared or	Comments
		(ULSTR)		MCF/D	Vented	
Nimitz MDP1 12	Pending	Unit P, Sec. 12, T24S,	379 FSL	3229	0	
Federal Com #6H		R30E	778 FEL			
Nimitz MDP1 12	Pending	Unit P, Sec. 12, T24S,	404 FSL	3229	0	
Federal Com #7H		R30E	868 FEL			l
Nimitz MDP1 13	Pending	Unit P, Sec. 12 T24S,	379 FSL	3229	0	
Federal Com #2H 36	-015-44498	R30E	838 FEL			ľ
Nimitz MDP1 13	Pending	Unit P, Sec 12 T24S,	379 FSL	3229	0	
Federal Com #3H		R30E	808 FEL			

## **Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete, where a gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to <a href="Enterprise Field Services">Enterprise Field Services</a>, LLC ("Enterprise") and is connected to <a href="Enterprise">Enterprise</a> gathering system located in Eddy County, New Mexico. <a href="OXY USA INC.">OXY USA INC.</a> ("OXY") provides (periodically) to <a href="Enterprise">Enterprise</a> a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, <a href="OXY">OXY</a> and <a href="Enterprise">Enterprise</a> have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at <a href="Enterprise">Enterprise</a> Processing Plant located in Sec. 36, Twn. 24S, Rng. 30E, Eddy County, New Mexico. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.

## Flowback Strategy

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be turned to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on <u>Enterprise</u> system at that time. Based on current information, it is <u>OXY's</u> belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

#### Alternatives to Reduce Flaring

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation On lease
  - o Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas On lease
  - o Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal On lease
  - o Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines