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GAS CAPTURE PLAN

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Operator & OGRID No.: VANGUARD OPERATING, LLC

☐ Amended - Reason for Amendment: _____

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomple 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 (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
STALEY STATE #3	30-015-34086	I 30 17 28	2310' FSL 330' FEL	100	Vented	

Gathering System and Pipeline Notification

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete, if gas transporter system is in place. The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to Frontier Field Service and will be connected to a Frontier Field Service low pressure gathering system located in Eddy County, New Mexico. It will require 0' of pipeline to connect the facility to low pressure gathering system. Vanguard Operating, LLC provides (periodically) to Frontier Field Service a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Vanguard Operating, LLC and Frontier Field Service have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at Frontier Field Service Processing Plant located in 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 operations, the well 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 Frontier Field Service system at that time. Based on current information, it is Vanguard Operating, LLC's 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
 - Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas – On lease
 - Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal – On lease
 - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines