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April 2, 2011



Chesapeake Operating, Inc. c/o Holland & Hart LLP Attn: Mr. Adam G. Rankin

# Administrative Order NSL-6488-A Administrative Application Reference No. pTWG12-06647018

This order supersedes Order NSL6488, issued on October 14, 2011, in its entirety.

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. OGRID 147179 PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H API No. 30-015

Proposed Location:

	Footages	Unit	Sec.	Township	Range	County_
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### **Proposed Project Area:**

Description	Acres	Pool	Pool Code
E/2 W/2 of Section 4	162.81	undesignated West Jennings; Bone Spring	97860

Reference is made to your application received on March 5, 2012.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed producing interval are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

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April 2, 2012 Page 2

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to penetrate the maximum amount of the target zone within the producing area with the wellbore lateral.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9 [19.15.5:9 NMAC].

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Jami Bailey Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia United States Bureau of Land Management

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March 5, 2012

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jami Bailey, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy,

Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Amendment to Administrative Order NSL-6488 Approving An Unorthodox Well Location for the PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H in Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bailey:

By Administrative Order NSL-6488, dated October 14, 2011, the Division approved an unorthodox well location for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s ("Chesapeake") PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H located in Section 4, Township 21South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the NSL Order, the well is to be drilled in the Bone Spring formation at a surface location and a penetration point 300 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line with a terminus location 350 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 4. Notice was provided to the affected parties and no objection was received by the Division prior to issuance of Order NSL-6488.

As reflected on the attached amended C-102 report, Chesapeake now seeks to drill the well to a terminus location 100 feet from the North line of Section 4 in order to maximize the length of the completion interval within the target zone. Included with this cover letter is a letter from Bass Operating and Production Company, the only affected interest, waiving any objections to Chesapeake's request for such an amendment.

Accordingly, Chesapeake respectfully requests that Administrative Order NSL-6488 be amended to reflect approval of a terminus location 100 feet instead of 350 feet from the North line of Section 4.

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PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H March 5, 2012 Page 2

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

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cc: David K. Brooks Monty Montgomery, BOPCO Teresa Long, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. w/o encls.

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October 14, 2011

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. c/o Holland & Hart LLP Attn: Ms. Ocean Munds-Dry

	Administrat	ive Order NSL-6488
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Chesapeake Operating, Inc. OGRID 147179 PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H API No. 30-015

**Proposed Location:** 

-	Footages		Unit	Sec.	Township	Range	County_
Surface	300 FSL & 2180 FV	VL.	N ·	4	26S	31E	Eddy
Penetration Point	same as surface loca	tion					
Terminus	350 FNL & 1980 FV	VL.	С	4	26S	31E	Eddy
Proposed Project A Description E/2 W/2 of Section 4	Acres	Pool undes	ignated	West J	ennings; Bone	Spring	Pool Code

Reference is made to your application received on September 14, 2011.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units; with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed producing interval are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

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October 14, 2011 Page 2

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to penetrate the maximum amount of the target zone within the producing area with the wellbore lateral.

It is also understood that you have given due notice of this application to all operators or owners who are "affected persons," as defined in Rule 4.12.A(2), in all adjoining units towards which the proposed location encroaches.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 5.9 [19.15.5.9 NMAC].

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

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Jami Bailey Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia United States Bureau of Land Management

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September 14, 2011

#### HAND-DELIVERED

Jami Bailey, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its <u>PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA Well</u> <u>No. 1H</u> to be drilled from a surface location and penetration point 300 feet from the South line and 2180 feet from the West line and a bottomhole location 350 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

#### Dear Ms. Bailey:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. ("Chesapeake") hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 and 19.15.16.14 for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Pierce Canyon 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H. This wildcat well is located in Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico and is to be drilled in the Bone Spring formation at a surface location and a penetration point 300 feet from the South line and 2180 feet from the West line and a bottomhole location 350 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 4, Eddy County, New Mexico. A 160-acre project area has been dedicated to this horizontal well comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 4.

This location is unorthodox because the Bone Spring formation under this acreage is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 40-acre spacing units to be located no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. Division Rule 19.15.16.14 defines the "Penetration Point" as "the point where the wellbore penetrates the top of the pool from which it is intended to produce." The wellbore penetrates the Bone Spring formation at a point 300 feet from the South line of Section 4 and 50 feet south of the producing area; it is, therefore, closer than allowed by Division rules.

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Although the wellbore penetrates the top of the Bone Spring at an unorthodox location, the well will be at a standard location at the producing interval. Chesapeake is targeting the Lower Avalon at approximately 8,710 feet (TVD). Therefore, once Chesapeake reaches the targeted formation, it will be at a standard location.

**Exhibit** A is a plat showing the location of the well. This location is encroaching to the south of Section 4. This location is within the Poker Lake Unit which is operated by BOPCo. A copy of this application with all attachments was mailed to BOPCo. and ConocoPhillips and they were advised that if they have an objection to this application it must be filed in writing with the Division's Santa Fe office within twenty days from the date notice was sent. BOPCo. was also advised that if no objections were received by the Division within twenty days, the Division Director could approve the application.

Exhibit B is the C-102 for this well.

Exhibit C is the notice list.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ocean Munds-Dry ATTORNEY FOR CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

Enclosures cc: OCD District Office - Artesia

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# <u>Exhibit C</u> Chesapeake's NSL Application PLU Pierce Canyon 4 26 31 USA Well No. 1H

EXHIBIT

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ConocoPhillips 3300 N. A Street Building 6-100 Midland, Texas 79705

Adam G. Rankin Phone 505-988-4421 Fax 505-983-6043 agrankin@hollandhart.com

February 29, 2012

## VIA E-MAIL AND UPS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

BEPCO \* Attn.: Monty Montgomery 201 Main Street, Suite 3100 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

### Re: Application of Chesapcake Operating, Inc. to Amend NSL-6488.

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. intends to submit the above-referenced application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to amend NSL-6488, see attached, to change the approved bottom-hole location. NSL-6488 provides for a bottom-hole location 350 feet from the North line of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, N.M. P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Chesapeake Operating, Inc. is seeking to change the bottom-hole location to an unorthodox location 100 feet from the North line of said Section 4.

Division Rules provide that an application may be approved sooner if the applicant obtains waivers from affected parties. We therefore request your waiver of objection to this administrative application. We respectfully request you that you sign this letter and return it by email delivery to me (agrankin@hollandhart.com) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you wish to discuss please feel free to call Teresa Long at (405) 935-9175.

Sincerely,

Adam G. Rankin

BEPCO\*agrees to waive objection to Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s application for an unorthodox well location for its PLU Phantom Banks 4 26 31 USA 1H well.

Date: 3.5.2012 Name & Title

W. Frank McCreight, Sr. Vice President

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DISTRICT 1 1825 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 Phone (876) 393-0101 Fair (876) 393-0720 Form C-102 State of New Mexico Energy, Minersis and Natural Resources Department Revised August 1, 2011 DISTRICT II Submit one copy to appropriate 111 S. First St., Artesis, NM 88210 Phone (678) 716-1263 Fast (876) 718-5720 District Office OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DISTRICT III 1000 RIO Brazos Rd., Astec, NH 87410 Phone (505) 334-8178 Fazi (505) 334-8170 DISTRICT IV 1220 S. 51. Prancis Dr., Santa Pe, NH 87805 Phone (605) 478-5460 Past (503) 478-5469 **AMENDED REPORT** WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT API Number Pool Code Pool Name 30-015-39847 97860 Jennings; Bone Spring, West Property Code Property Name Well Number PLU PHANTOM BANKS 4 26 31 USA **1**H 39032 OGRUD No. Operator Name Blevation 3277 147179 CHESAPEAKE OPERATING CO. Surface Location UL or lot No. Section Township Range Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line County 300 Ν 4 26 S 31 E SOUTH 2180 WEST EDDY Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot No. Section Township Range Lot Ida Feet from the North/South line Peet from the East/West line County С 4 26 S 31 E 100 NORTH WEST 1980 EDDY Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Consolidation Code Order No. 162.81 NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION 1980 PROPOSED BOITOM OPERATOR CERTIFICATION Ð.H. 8 I hereby cortigi that the information contained herein is irus and complete to the best of my knowledge and bellef, and that this organization either ewns a working interest or unleased minated interest in the iead including the proposed boltom hele location or has a right to drill this well of this location gursum to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling egrement or a conquisery pooling order hereiprose entired by the division. HOLE LOCATION Lat - N 32.0791285131 Long - W 103.785394885 NMSPCE- N 392955.122 E 711046.981 (NAD-83) Lot - N 32.078003800 Long - W 103.784918286 NMSPCE- N 392897.425 NMSPCE- E 669860.954 (NAD-27) 02/22/2012 Date Signalura Project Area Producing Arc: Bryan Arrant Printed Name bryan.arrant@chk.com 19.91 Email Address SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field noise of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison and that the same is true and correct to the best-of and bellet. Date S Signa SURFACE LOCATION Lat - N 32.08558211 Long - W 103.7847756 NMSPCE- N 388028.191 E 711263.836 Projectou Penetration Point 3276.0 '3278.0' (NAD-83) Lai - N 32.06545727 Long - W 103.78429970 NMSPCE- N 387870.608 E 670077.627 228 10 ٦ Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977 2180 \$1. . OOE (NAD-27) 24762 BASIN SURVEYS 3267.0 2067.0