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**Re: Well Tubing Exception
BRANTLEY STATE COM 13 24S 27E RB #221H (30-015-43774)**

Dear Mr. Jones:

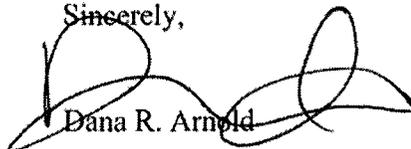
Matador Production Company ("Matador") completed its **BRANTLEY STATE COM 13 24S 27E RB #221H (30-015-43774)** well (the "Well") on March 7, 2017. Matador requests to delay installing tubing in the Well since it continues to flow large volumes with high pressures that would be restricted from the smaller ID provided by tubing; it also is continuing to clean up and sand could inhibit the tubing installation and equipment potentially causing expensive workover operations.

Matador believes the delay in the tubing will not cause waste or damage the Well. The Well has four strings of casing that adequately protect wellbore integrity. Further, the Well has been designed to withhold high pressures: everything below the wellhead is rated to 15,000 psi pressure for hydraulic fracturing operations and the wellhead is rated to 5,000 psi. Lastly, the gas composition for the Well does not contain H2S or CO2.

Accordingly, Matador would like to request an exception to 19.15.16.10.J to allow for no tubing in the Well for an initial six month period from completion, until approximately September 7, 2017 and states in support of its request that no waste will be caused as a result of this exception. At the end of the six month period, Matador will re-evaluate the need for tubing to be installed and communicate with the Division as to the results of its analysis.

Thank you, and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dana R. Arnold

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Tubing Exception for this well expires 90 days from "Ready to Produce" date applicable to the well. *Ruf.*