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Date: <u>1-18-2018</u> □ Original ⊠ Amended - Reason for Amendment:	GAS CAPTURE PLAN JAN 2 4 CONTROL OPERATOR & OGRID No.: McElvain Energy, Inc.22044 New Information	

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). 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
EK 30 BS2 FED COM 1H	025-42701	SESE 30 18S 34E	175FSL 860 FEL	500	SOLD	SALES IN PLACE
EK 30 BS2 FED COM 2H	025-43883	SESE 30 18S 34E	150FSL 876 FEL	500	SOLD	SALES IN PLACE
EK 31 BS2 FED COM 1H	025-43884	SESE 30 18S 34E	124FSL 892FEL	500	SOLD	SALES IN PLACE

## **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 Targa Midstream Services LLC and will be connected to Targa Midstream Services LLC low pressure gathering system located in <u>Lea</u> County, New Mexico. It will require <u>4161'</u> of pipeline to connect the facility to low pressure gathering system. McElvain Energy, Inc. provides (periodically) to Targa Midstream Services LLC drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, McElvain Energy, Inc and Targa have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at Versado Monument Gas Processing Plant located in Sec. <u>26</u>, Twn. <u>19S</u>, Rng. <u>36E</u>, <u>LEA</u> County, New Mexico. The actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.

## **Flowback Strategy**

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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>Targa Midstream Services LLC</u> system at that time. Based on current information, it is <u>McElvain Energy</u>, Inc. 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
  - 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