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May 17, 2018

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – District 1 1625 N. French Drive Hobbs, NM 88240

Re: Request for Oil Allowable Exception Hallertau 5 Federal #16H – 30-025-43887 Lea County, NM

Dear Sir:

Cimarex Energy Co. respectfully requests an exception to NMOCD Rule 19.50.20.9 regarding oil allowable. Cimarex requests permission to produce the project area assigned to Hallertau 5 Federal #16H well above top depth bracket allowable to allow greater load recovery during flowback after frac stimulation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Fatima Vasquez Regulatory Analyst 432-620-1933