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Administrative Order NSL-4626-A (BHL)

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your initial application (application reference No. pKRV0-207456863) filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on March 15, 2002; (ii) a telefaxed letter dated March 19, 2002 from Mr. Joe Gilmer containing supplemental information to support your request; (iii) Mr. Gilmer's telephone conversation with Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer/Chief Hearing Officer in Santa Fe, on Tuesday, March 19, 2002; (iv) your telephone conversation with Mr. Stogner on March 19, 2002; (v) your telefax to the Division of March 19, 2002 with supplemental information; and (vi) the Division's records Santa Fe: all concerning Primal Energy Corporation's ("Primal") request for a non-standard subsurface oil producing area/bottomhole oil well location within a project area [see Division Rule 111.A (9)] comprising Lot 10 (Unit J) of irregular Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, being a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Southeast Denton-Devonian Pool (96644).

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case, No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, and 111.C (2).

It is our understanding that Primal reentered the Knowles Well No51 (API No. 30-025-33177), located 3627 feet from the North line and 1425 feet from the East fine (Lot 10/Unit J) of Section 1 (unorthodox oil well location approved by Division Order No. R-10, 09), in August 2001 under the authority of Division Administrative Order NSL-4626 (BHL) for the purpose of directionally drilling and recompleting to a new unorthodox subsurface Devoniar oil well location within Lot 9 (Unit I) of irregular Section 1. It is further understood that mechanical problems were encountered which cause Primal to abandon its efforts within this 40-acre unit. At this time Primal is requesting to attempt a new recompletion within the Southeast Denton-Devonian Pool by sidetracking in a southwesterly direction to a targeted non-standard bottomhole location within the 40-acre tract comprising Lot 10 (Unit J) 3736 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the East