

May 20, 2014



Via Federal Express

Mr. Steve Ficklin
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado River Valley Field Office
Program Manager
2300 River Frontage Road
Silt, CO 81652



Re: Request for Suspension of Operations and Production for
Federal Oil & Gas Lease No. COC 67542
Township 7S-Range 94W
Sec. 22: Tracts A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H
Sec. 23: N/2SE/4, N/2S/2SE/4, NE/4
Garfield County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ficklin:

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("WPX"), hereby requests a suspension of operations and production of Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC-67542 ("Subject Lease") effective as of May 1, 2014. WPX requests this suspension pursuant to Section 39 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") regulations at 43 C.F.R. § 3103.4-4 and 3165.1. Suspension of the Subject Lease is in the interest of conservation of natural resources given the impending Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") being prepared by the BLM's Colorado River Valley Field Office.

On May 16, 2014, WPX submitted an APD to drill the Federal SR 31-23 well from the SR 23-14 drill pad with a detailed outline of Surface Use Plan of Operations as well as Plans for Surface Reclamation. WPX seeks a temporary suspension of operations and production of the Subject Lease to allow for completion and release of the EIS as well as the approval and issuance of the APD for the Federal SR 31-23 well. The requested suspension would toll the running of the term of the Subject Lease and add the period of the suspension to the primary term of the lease (43 C.F.R. § 3103.4-4). WPX also requests a suspension of the annual rental and minimum royalty payments during the suspension of operations and production of the Subject Lease (30 U.S.C. § 209; 43 C.F.R. § 3103.4-4 (d)).

WPX is the sole lessee and operating rights owner of the Subject Lease. See 43 C.F.R. § 3165.1 (b). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,
WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana L. Appis".

Diana L. Appis
Senior Staff Landman