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The environmental assessment analyzing the environmental effects of the Proposed Action has been reviewed. The approved mitigation measures result in a Finding of No Significant Impact on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary to further analyze the environmental effects of the Proposed Action.

DECISION RECORD

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action presented in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA). The Proposed Action includes (1) expansion of the existing J16W pad; (2) construction of the new M16W pad, road and associated pipelines; (3) construction of the L15W-B16W (Rose Ranch) Access Road; (4) the burial of the L15W-N9W water pipeline; (5) the installation of the J16W-N9W water pipeline; and (6) the drilling, completion, and production of Federal oil and gas wells on the J16W and M16W pads.

It is my decision to proceed with the processing and approval of the BLM rights-of-way for (1) the Fee wells in Section 17, to allow the Fee wells to occupy the M16W pad on BLM throughout their productive cycle; (2) the BLM segments of the L15W-N9W water line; and (3) the J16W-N9W water pipeline. Furthermore, it is my decision to allow the Fee wells in Section 16 to occupy the BLM surface on the M16W pad, because these wells lie within the boundary of the Middleton Creek Unit.

Initiation of surface-disturbing activities and of drilling and completion activities associated with Federal oil and gas wells on the J16W and M16W pads shall not commence until approval by BLM of the APDs, rights-of-way, and Sundry Notices submitted by Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

This decision will provide for the orderly, economical, and environmentally sound exploration and development of oil and gas resources on valid oil and gas leases.

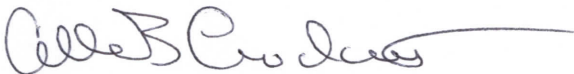
RATIONALE: The bases for this decision are as follows:

1. Approval of the Proposed Action is validating the rights granted with the Federal oil and gas leases to develop the leasehold to provide commercial commodities of oil and gas.
2. The environmental impacts have been mitigated with measures incorporated into the Proposed Action or as specified in the Conditions of Approval (COAs) appended to the EA.

MITIGATION MEASURES: Mitigation measures presented in Appendix A will be applied as COAs for both surface and drilling operations.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



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April 29, 2011
Date Signed