



September 20, 2011

Mr. David Neslin
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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Re: Request for Exigent Approval per 303.1
Ione 8-4-2
SESE Sec 2-T2N-R66W
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("Encana") respectfully requests the Director to expedite the approval of the subject location due to exigent circumstances as documents in section 303.1.

Encana originally received approval of the Ione SESE Multi-well pad consisting of a total of 3 new wells. The Ione 8-4-2, one of the original planned locations, was abandoned in order to allow a horizontal well permit to be approved before the new rule change goes into effect. The remaining 2 wells on the pad are scheduled to be drilled in mid-October of 2011. Encana is unable to adjust the drilling schedule at this time to allow additional time for the Ione 8-4-2 APD to be approved.

It is Encana's preference to drill the Ione 8-4-2 at the same time the other 2 wells on the pad are to be drilled. Encana has an executed surface use agreement in which the surface owner has requested that we drill all 3 wells concurrently. Drilling all 3 wells at the same time will limit the surface owner impact as the pad will only need to be built one time for all 3 wells, reducing truck traffic on the property.

Furthermore, in order to reoccupy the pad, Encana would not only have to pay the surface owner a second time but would also incur the cost of a second rig move onto the same location. If the third well is not drilled concurrently, when the pad is reoccupied, the 2 wells drilled prior will be temporarily abandoned due to the close proximity of the Ione 8-4-2. The temporary abandonment would result in a loss of capital on production for the duration of drilling and completion operations for the third well.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (720)-876-5890.

Very truly yours,
ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Lind".

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