



September 28, 2011

Mr. David Neslin
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for Exigent Approval per 303.1.(1) and 303.1.(2)
Ione 8-4-2: SESE Sec 2-T2N-R66W, Weld County, CO
API #: 05-123-31395-00
Form 2 Doc #: 400206803
Location ID#: 318830 - IONE SESE MULTI WELL PAD #6-8-2
Form 2A Doc #: 2096557

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 documented in section 303.1.(1) and 303.1.(2).

Encana originally received approval of the Ione SESE Multi Well Pad form 2A consisting of a total of 3 new wells. The Ione 8-4-2, one of the 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 all 3 wells are drilled 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. In addition to the cost incurred for the temporary abandonment of 2 wells, the temporary abandonment would also result in a loss of capital on production for the duration of drilling and completion operations for the third well.

Signed waivers of Rule 305.c from both the surface owner and local government designee (Weld County) are attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Lind".

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