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Request Flexibility to Set or Omit Conductor Pipe Prior to Surface Casing set on Lynch Well Pad

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Hi Mark:

As discussed, Catamount Energy Partners recently sent in sundry notices to amend our drilling permits on our Lynch well pad in order to set conductor casing. We are now requesting the operational flexibility to possibly omit the conductor pipe for the following reason:

The anticipated 13-3/8" conductor casing is planned for a 17-1/2" hole although our conductor setting service (Mo-Te Drilling) starts with a 12-1/4" pilot hole, drilled to the conductor set depth, before opening the wellbore up to 17-1/2" prior to running and cementing conductor casing. In visiting with Craig Mobley of Mo-Te Drilling on this planned operation we thought it might make more sense, if there are no problems in drilling the 12-1/4" pilot hole through the conductor set depth, to simply continue drilling the 12-1/4" hole to the permitted surface casing TD of $\geq 400'$ and then running and cementing our 9-5/8" surface casing. This, in fact, is the originally approved design on our Lynch drilling permits. (9-5/8", 36#, J55 surface casing set at 400' and cemented to surface in a 12-1/4" hole with no prior conductor set).

We are requesting this flexibility in drilling the surface casing portion of the two Lynch wells, more completely described below:

- Lynch 34-6-18 #1 API #05-067-09920-00
- Lynch 34-6-18 #2 API #05-067-09921-00

Please understand that there will be no change in the originally permitted surface casing (new 9-5/8", 36#, J55 casing), set depth ($\geq 400'$) or cement type, calculated excess, and permitted cement slurry volumes, we are simply asking for the flexibility to set or not set conductor casing prior to the surface casing set.

We anticipate starting this operation on Tuesday, September 22nd and we'll submit our Form 42 notices 48 hours prior to this planned activity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

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I fully understand you're wanting flexibility regarding casing and conductor pipe and not knowing exactly how the ground will respond to a bit. With that said, I approve and authorize your request, plans and ideas and this will be documented in both COGIS well files.

In the future and to keep this a little easier, I recommend you include the conductor pipe on your APD and in the comments section explain your needs for flexibility to change your mind about whether or not the conductor casing is actually needed.

It is most certainly a pleasure working with you...

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