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Dear Administrator Chollett:

Applicant Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC's application for an order establishing a spacing order consisting of the SE ¼ of Section 15, the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 15, and the NE ¼ of Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County, is pending as IDL Docket No. CC-2025-OGR-01-002, and OAH Case No. 25-320-OG-01. Hearing of the application by the Office of Administrative Hearings is scheduled for September 18. Per Idaho Code § 47-328(3)(b), the deadline for an uncommitted mineral owner to file an objection or other response to the application was September 4 (14 days before the hearing date). No objection or other response to the application was filed by any uncommitted mineral owner. The existing objector, Charlene Gomez, withdrew her objection by email to OAH, the Department, and the Applicant yesterday, September 10.

Idaho Code 47-328(3)(d) provides that "[w]hen applications are uncontested, the applicant may request and the administrator may allow approval without a hearing based on review of the merits of a verified application and the supporting exhibits." Because the application here is uncontested, the Applicant requests that the Administrator approve its application without a hearing based on review of the application and supporting exhibits in the record. I understand the Department does not oppose the application and agrees that it may be approved without a hearing per the statute.

A prehearing conference was held today including the hearing officer, the Department,

and the Applicant, at which it was agreed the Applicant's request for decision without a hearing should be made directly to you, so that you may decide whether to decide the uncontested application directly without a hearing (and withdraw your referral of the matter to OAH in that event), pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-328(3)(d). At the prehearing conference, James Thum expressed the desire for Department staff to have the opportunity to make recommendations as to the content of an order establishing the spacing unit, and the Applicant has no objection to that. I am prepared to work with Mr. Thum and Ms. Richter to stipulate to proposed findings and conclusions as needed, to facilitate efficient review of the application.

As the hearing on the application is scheduled for September 18 and has not yet been stayed, I would appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I have copied the hearing officer, Stott Zanzig, as well as James Thum of the Department and his counsel Kayleen Richter, and the Department's General Counsel John Richards on this email.

Thank you,

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