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Dear Administrator Schollett:

Applicant Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC's application for an order integrating the spacing order consisting of the NE ¼ of Section 9 and the NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County, is pending as Docket No. CC-2024-OGR-01-002.

Hearing of the application by a hearing officer from the Office of Administrative Hearings is scheduled for October 10. Per Idaho Code § 47-328(3)(b), the deadline for an uncommitted mineral owner to file an objection or other response to the Application in this matter was September 26 (14 days before the hearing date). No objection or other response to the application was filed with OAH or the Department by any uncommitted mineral owner.

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 for an order integrating the subject spacing unit 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 scheduling conference was held today including the hearing officer, the Department, and the Applicant, at the conclusion of which it was agreed the Applicant's request for decision without a hearing should be made directly to you, so that you may determine whether to approve the uncontested application directly without a hearing (and presumably withdraw your referral of the matter to OAH in that event), pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-328(3)(d).

As the hearing on the application is scheduled for October 10 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, Merritt Dublin, as well as James Thum of the Department and

his counsel Alli Olson, the Department's General Counsel John Richards, and your counsel JJ Winters on this email so all are informed.

Thanks,

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