

STATE OF ALASKA
ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
333 West 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: **THE APPLICATION OF**) Area Injection Order No. 21A.004
CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA,)
INC. for Administrative Approval to) Kuparuk River Unit
remove the surface injection pressure) Kuparuk River Field
limit from Rule 7 Authorized Injection) Meltwater Oil Pool
Pressure.)
) April 24, 2014
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By letter dated April 17, 2014, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) requested administrative approval to remove the surface pressure limit of 2,600 psi from Rule 7.

In support of its application, CPAI states that in 2014 Prudhoe Bay Natural Gas Liquids imports to the Greater Kuparuk Area (GKA) will be discontinued. At that time the Meltwater injection gas will need to convert to GKA produced gas which has a significantly smaller fluid pressure gradient than that of miscible injectant (MI). Therefore, to ensure adequate injection rates at Meltwater are sustained, the surface injection pressure will need to be allowed to be above the MI calculated surface pressure of 2,600 psi to achieve the equivalent reservoir sand-face pressure of 3,400 psi.

The change proposed by CPAI will result in increased production, is based on sound engineering and geotechnical reasons, does not promote waste or jeopardize correlative rights, and will not result in increased risk of fluid movement into freshwater.

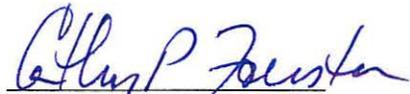
NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Rule 7 of AIO 21A is repealed and replaced by the following:

Rule 7 Authorized Injection Pressure.

Injection pressures must be maintained at or below 3,400 psig at the reservoir sand-face.

DONE at Anchorage, Alaska and dated April 24, 2014.



Cathy P. Foerster
Chair, Commissioner



Daniel T. Seamont, Jr.
Commissioner



RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL NOTICE

As provided in AS 31.05.080(a), within **20** days after written notice of the entry of this order or decision, or such further time as the AOGCC grants for good cause shown, a person affected by it may file with the AOGCC an application for reconsideration of the matter determined by it. If the notice was mailed, then the period of time shall be **23** days. An application for reconsideration must set out the respect in which the order or decision is believed to be erroneous.

The AOGCC shall grant or refuse the application for reconsideration in whole or in part within 10 days after it is filed. Failure to act on it within 10-days is a denial of reconsideration. If the AOGCC denies reconsideration, upon denial, this order or decision and the denial of reconsideration are **FINAL** and may be appealed to superior court. The appeal **MUST** be filed within **33** days after the date on which the AOGCC mails, **OR 30** days if the AOGCC otherwise distributes, the order or decision denying reconsideration, **UNLESS** the denial is by inaction, in which case the appeal **MUST** be filed within **40** days after the date on which the application for reconsideration was filed.

If the AOGCC grants an application for reconsideration, this order or decision does not become final. Rather, the order or decision on reconsideration will be the **FINAL** order or decision of the AOGCC, and it may be appealed to superior court. That appeal **MUST** be filed within **33** days after the date on which the AOGCC mails, **OR 30** days if the AOGCC otherwise distributes, the order or decision on reconsideration.

In computing a period of time above, the date of the event or default after which the designated period begins to run is not included in the period; the last day of the period is included, unless it falls on a weekend or state holiday, in which event the period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day that does not fall on a weekend or state holiday.