

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.003
CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA,)
INC. for Administrative Approval) Kuparuk River Unit
allowing seawater injection and up to) Kuparuk River Field
4,475 psi sandface pressure during) Meltwater Oil Pool
fluid movement logging.)
) November 19, 2013
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By letter dated October 17, 2013, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) requested administrative approval to add seawater to the authorized injection fluids and allow increased sandface pressures up to 4,475 psi during logging operations for Meltwater injection wells 2P-419 (PTD 2040170), 2P-420 (PTD 2011820), 2P-427 (PTD 2020180), 2P-429 (PTD 2011020), 2P-434 (PTD 2031530), and 2P-447 (PTD 2031540) (collectively “the wells”).

CPAI is undertaking a program to determine fluid movement around the production casing shoes of the injection wells. Injecting seawater into the Bermuda formation at varying pressures and monitoring this flow with oxygen activation logging tools is designed to:

1. Determine whether there is fluid movement around the production casing shoe during injection within the 3400 psi sand-face injection pressure limit established by AIO 21A (Amended).
2. Determine if Miscible Injectant migration is a result of historic sand face injection pressures at Meltwater existing prior to the issuance of AIO 21A (Amended).

The monitoring plan will further investigate reservoir and injection responses for the Meltwater oil pool. CPAI has submitted for the wells an Application for Sundry Approvals (Form 10-403) to cover the work. Results will be communicated to AOGCC on individual Report of Sundry Well Operations Forms (Form 10-404).

In support of its application, CPAI submitted a fluid compatibility review based on previous laboratory testing. This review showed that for this limited time and volume proposed, there are no operational risks associated with injection of Beaufort seawater in this pool. The change proposed by CPAI will result in increased knowledge of fluid movement and migration, 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.

In accordance with Rule 10 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 021A.000, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) hereby **GRANTS** CPAI's request for administrative approval to temporarily authorize injection at sand-face pressures up to 4,475 psi and to temporarily authorize Beaufort seawater as an injection fluid in the wells for a period of 6 months from the date below for the purpose of video and fluid movement logging.

DONE at Anchorage, Alaska and dated November 19, 2013.



Cathy P. Foerster
Chair, Commissioner





John K. Norman
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. As provided in AS 31.05.080(b), "[t]he questions reviewed on appeal are limited to the questions presented to the AOGCC by the application for 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.