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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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March 14, 2014

**VIA E-MAIL**

Glenda Davidson  
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Department of Environmental Protection  
400 Market Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Hilcorp Energy Company  
MMS No. 2013-SLAP-000528  
Docket No. 2013-01

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the Department's Notification for Hearing. Thank you, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Braymer".

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OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT

In Re. The Matter of the Application of )  
Hilcorp Energy Company for )  
Well Spacing Units ) Docket No. 2013-01  
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DEPARTMENT'S NOTIFICATION FOR HEARING

In a letter dated, January 22, 2014, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") notified Hilcorp Energy Company ("Hilcorp") of DEP's determination that the Application for Well Spacing Units was materially deficient and incomplete and, therefore, not a "proper" application under the Oil and Gas Conservation Law. To correct the material deficiencies with the Application, DEP requested that Hilcorp provide information and documents as identified in its letter to Hilcorp, dated January 22, 2014.

On February 19, 2014, the Hearing Officer issued an order that required, among other things, that Hilcorp "provide DEP with all documents that Hilcorp deems necessary to complete the application within seven (7) days of this Order and shall notify the Hearing Officer of the date when the information has been sent. Thereafter, DEP shall have seven (7) days upon receipt of the additional information from Hilcorp to either notify the Hearing Officer and Hilcorp that the application is complete and hearing as scheduled should move forward or file a Motion to Dismiss with the Hearing Officer stating why the hearing should not occur."

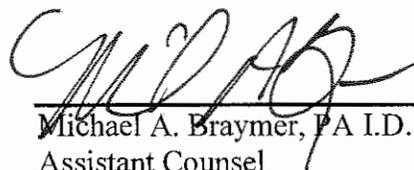
Hilcorp provided paper and/or accessible electronic copies of the requested information and documents to DEP on February 27, and 28, 2014, and March 7, 2014. DEP has reviewed the information that it received from Hilcorp through March 7, 2014. Pursuant to the Hearing Officer's Order, dated February 19, 2104, DEP hereby files this notification that it has determined that the next phase of this matter, a hearing that is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2014, should move forward.

DEP does not waive any arguments it may now have, or in the future may have, regarding the information and documents submitted by Hilcorp to date including, without limitation, whether such information and documents comply with the requirements of the Oil and Gas Conservation Law and its regulations. Such arguments are expressly reserved by DEP.

DEP makes no representation as to whether the information and documents submitted by Hilcorp through March 7, 2014, are sufficient to merit granting the relief sought in Hilcorp's application. A decision on Hilcorp's application will be based on all of the information on record for this matter including, without limitation, the recommendation of the Hearing Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of DEP's Notification for Hearing in the above-captioned matter was this day served upon the following Counsel for Hilcorp *via* E-mail:

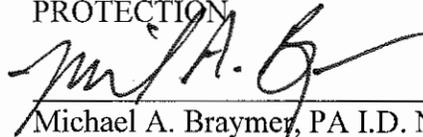
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