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Ms. Anie Gardner
Chevron, North America Exploration & Production
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Bakersfield, CA 93311

RE: WELL STIMULATION TREATMENT PERMIT DENIALS

Dear Ms. Gardner:

The Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) received and reviewed Chevron's well stimulation treatment (WST) permit applications for one (1) well, collectively referred to by group project number "Chevron well 2-12C (API 03063016)" at the Lost Hills Oil Field. This correspondence serves as notice that Chevron's WST permit application for this well is **denied**.

I have reviewed the applications and evaluated the quantifiable risk of the proposed well stimulation treatments. In the exercise of my discretion under Public Resources Code § 3160(d)(3)(C), I am denying these permit requests "to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, and natural resources" (*id.* § 3106(a)) and to "protect[] public health and safety and environmental quality, including [the] reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development of hydrocarbon . . . resources" (*id.* § 3011(a)).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Courtney Smith at Courtney.Smith@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Uduak-Joe Ntuk

State Oil and Gas Supervisor

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