JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to 20.1.3.22(B)(1) NMAC, the Water Protection Division of the New Mexico Environment Department (the “Department”) and Matador Production Company and San Mateo Midstream, LLC (together, “Respondents”) (collectively, “the Parties”) jointly move for approval of the Settlement Agreement and issuance of the Stipulated Final Order attached to this Motion.

1. Pursuant to 20.1.3.22(B) NMAC, the Parties have entered into a settlement agreement that resolves all allegations contained in the Administrative Compliance Order issued on April 2, 2020, and subsequent amendments and corrections thereto.

2. Pursuant to 20.1.3.22(B)(1) NMAC, “the commission may approve a stipulated final order signed by all parties. The stipulated final order shall include all the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties, and shall state that, for the purpose of this proceeding, the respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the compliance order and consents to the relief specified, including the assessment of the stated civil penalty, if any.”
3. The Settlement Agreement has been signed by all the Parties, and includes all terms and conditions agreed to by the Parties.

4. In the Settlement Agreement, Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations of the Administrative Compliance Order and consent to the relief specified, including payment of $15,000, but do not admit to any of the claimed violations or allegations.

WHEREFORE, the Parties jointly move that the Settlement Agreement be approved, and that the Commission issue the attached Stipulated Final Order.

Respectfully Submitted,

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