



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

A Resolution entitled, "Approval of Setback Variance Requested by Marathon Oil Company for the Quale USA Project."

- WHEREAS,** This Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (the "MHA Nation" or "Tribes"), having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of its Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its Agencies, and Officials; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has authority to engage in activities on behalf of and for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with Tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-087-VJB entitled "The Missouri River, Badlands, and Sacred Sites Protection Act," which requires a one-half mile setback for well sites/drilling pads from the Missouri River, Little Missouri River, and designated sacred sites or villages in the Badlands; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-139-VJB, entitled "Amending the Missouri River and Badlands Protection Act to Allow Variances upon Recommendation by the Tribal Energy Office," which authorizes the MHA Energy Division to consider setback variance requests and make recommendations to the Tribal Business Council to approve such requests "when minerals would be stranded due to the setback provisions or where the applicant has made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River"; and
- WHEREAS,** Applications for setback variances within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation are subject to other requirements of Tribal law, including Resolution No. 15-045-LKH (Establishing a Procedure for the Approval



of Leases, Rights-of-Way, Setback Variances, and Permissions to Survey on Tribal Land), Resolution No. 17-117-FWF (Approval of Fee Structure), and Resolution No. 18-212-FWF (Amending Fee Structure); and

WHEREAS, On November 29, 2018, Marathon Oil Company (“Marathon”) submitted to the MHA Energy Division a setback variance request for the Quale USA project, as set forth in Exhibit A, and more specifically as follows:

QUALE USA WELL PAD AND CTB: Drilling and completing up to five (5) wells (one (1) existing well; four (4) new wells) within one-half (½) mile of Lake Sakakawea.

LOCATION: NE4 of Section 20, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, 5th P.M., McKenzie County, North Dakota.

ACRES OF DISTURBANCE: Well pad and CTB fenced-in 13.00 acres.

DRILLING SPACING UNITS (DSU):

1,600 acre DSU: E½ of Section 20 and All of Sections 21 & 22, Township 152 North, Range 93 West.

2,560 acre DSU: All of Sections 15, 16, 21, & 22, Township 152 North, Range 93 West.

DISTANCE FROM WELL PAD AND CTB: One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four (1,344’) Feet and One Thousand Fifteen (1,015’) Feet, respectively, to the 1854 High Water Line; and

WHEREAS, On November 29, 2018, Marathon met with the MHA Nation Energy Division to review and consider all other alternatives for the construction and siting of the Quale USA Project; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Energy Division reviewed, processed, and fully vetted Marathon’s request for a setback variance for the Quale USA project, and has determined that Marathon made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, On January 17, 2019, at a duly held meeting of the Energy Committee, the MHA Energy Division recommended approval of Marathon’s setback variance request for the Quale USA project, the Energy Committee approved said request, and forwarded it to the Tribal Business Council for final action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council hereby approves Marathon’s setback variance request for the Quale USA project, as set forth in Exhibit A, and more specifically as follows:



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pursuant to Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, approval of the setback variance request described herein is subject to a processing fee in the amount of \$3,000.00; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

(SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW)



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 14th day of February, 2019, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. Not Voting.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council

Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council