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RE:

Request for extension of corrective action deadline – PDC Energy, Inc. –

Investigation Nos. 1389733, 1389734, 1410777, 1389732, 1389735, 1389738, 1389731, 1389737, 1389736, 1389739, 1410773, 1389740, 1389740, 1410775

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On December 6, 2016, PDC Energy, Inc. (PDC Energy) purchased all of the equity interest of Arris Petroleum Corporation (Arris), and on that date, changed the name of Arris to PDC Permian, Inc. (PDC Permian). In accordance with Section 10(g-1) of the Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act (Audit Act), PDC Energy began an air quality environmental compliance audit prior to the acquisition of all Arris oil and gas facilities on August 24, 2016 (Audit). The scope of the Audit is to evaluate compliance with applicable air quality regulations, as well as all applicable air quality permits. Pursuant to Section 4(d-1) of the Audit Act, PDC Energy and its wholly-owned subsidiary, PDC Permian, is continuing the Audit after the acquisition closing, December 6, 2016, for all facilities acquired.

On January 20, 2017, PDC submitted to TCEQ a notice of intent to continue the preacquisition audit, as well as a voluntary disclosure of violations discovered at 11 facilities (Initial Disclosure Facilities) as of the date of that letter. On April 19, 2017, PDC notified TCEQ of several additional violations discovered during the Audit at PDC's Westeros Compressor Station (RN108836016). On May 5, 2017, PDC requested permission to extend the Audit period, and TCEQ granted the extension request by letter dated May 24, 2017. The self-audit investigations must be completed by September 5, 2017 (Audit Completion Deadline).

PDC's January 20, 2017 notice of violations at the Initial Disclosure Facilities reflected the violations PDC had discovered before the acquisition closing date. PDC is continuing its diligent review of those 11 facilities and the rest of the facilities subject to the Audit. Should other compliance issues be found at the Initial Disclosure Facilities, PDC will disclose the additional findings by the Audit Completion Deadline.

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By letter dated May 30, 2017, TCEQ set a corrective action completion deadline for the Initial Disclosure Facilities of July 20, 2017. PDC respectfully requests an extension of that deadline to January 13, 2018, which is the date PDC proposed as a target completion date in its January 20, 2017 disclosure. PDC has reasonable grounds for this request. All of these Initial Disclosure Facilities required updates to the registration for the source. In PDC's additional review, we are gathering information and assessing applicability to various NSPS or other regulations, information which will be necessary when updating the registration. To avoid duplicative or incomplete registrations, completing or amending registration for these sources should occur after PDC completes the audit in September. Finally, PDC is working diligently to implement any compliance measures in the field.

Given the rapidly approaching July 20 deadline, PDC appreciates TCEQ's prompt consideration of this request. Should TCEQ grant this extension request, the completion deadline for the corrective action for the Initial Disclosure Facilities would be January 13, 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 831-3969 or if you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bartlett EHS Manager

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cc: Adell Heneghan, PDC Energy, Inc.

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