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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

John F. Schell, Jr.  
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.  
700 G Street, ATO 1476  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Amendment to the Colville River Unit 20th Annual Plan of Development - Approved

Dear Mr. Schell,

On September 19, 2018, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (ConocoPhillips), as Colville River Unit (CRU) Operator, submitted an Exploration Update as an Amendment to the CRU's 20th Annual Plan of Development (POD) to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (Division). The Division approved the CRU 20th POD on April 24, 2018. The Amendment submitted by ConocoPhillips replaces its previously submitted Unit Plan of Exploration Operations and provides an overview of exploration activity within the CRU 5th Expansion Area. This decision approves ConocoPhillips' Amendment to the CRU 20th POD.

ConocoPhillips describes in the Amendment its plans to drill two additional wells from its existing CD4 pad. ConocoPhillips also plans to continue its exploration of the CRU 5th Expansion Area by drilling an additional appraisal well.

The activities proposed in the Amendment benefit the state as exploration and production of the state's resources. ConocoPhillips' planned work protects the public interest by increasing state oil and gas revenues and conserving natural resources by conducting its activities from an existing pad while possible and thus creating the least possible impact.

The Division has considered the criteria in 11 AAC 83.303 and finds that the Amendment protects the public interest and is therefore approved.

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). This decision takes effect immediately. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have questions regarding this decision, please contact Jes Spuhler with the Division at (907) 269-8817 or via email at [jes.spuhler@alaska.gov](mailto:jes.spuhler@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chantal Walsh".

Chantal Walsh, Director

cc: Rex Rock, Sr., Arctic Slope Regional Corporation  
Wayne Svejnoha, United States Bureau of Land Management