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Regards: Corporate name change – NRC Radioactive Materials License 25-27802-01

Reference: 10 CFR Part 40 – Domestic Licensing of Source Material; and,
NUREG 1556, Volume 14 – Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses,
dated June 2000; and,
NUREG 1556, Volume 15 – Guidance about Changes of Control and Bankruptcy
Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Materials Licenses, dated
November 2000;

Dear Sir,

Pioneer Drilling Company (NYSE: PDC) announced that its name has changed to Pioneer Energy Services Corp., effective July 31, 2012. The Company's common stock will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange but will trade under the new ticker symbol "PES." Pioneer's website is now www.pioneerenergy.com.

Over the last five years, the Company has transformed from a pure play domestic land contract driller to a diversified energy services provider with operations across the United States and in Columbia. Today, approximately 50% of the Company's revenues and operating margin are derived from its Production Services Segment. The Company operates 102 well servicing rigs, 117 wireline units, 11 coiled tubing units and an array of fishing and rental tools in addition to 66 drilling rigs. The Company's core services are heavily concentrated in the Bakken, Eagle Ford, and Permian and along the Gulf Coast, both onshore and offshore. The new name reflects who Pioneer is today.

In connection with the name change, the Company's common stock was assigned the new CUSIP number 723664 108. The Company's outstanding common stock certificates are not affected by the name change and they continue to be valid.

For more information please visit the company's website:

<http://www.pioneerenergy.com/pioneer-drilling-company-announces-name-change-to-pioneer-energy-services>

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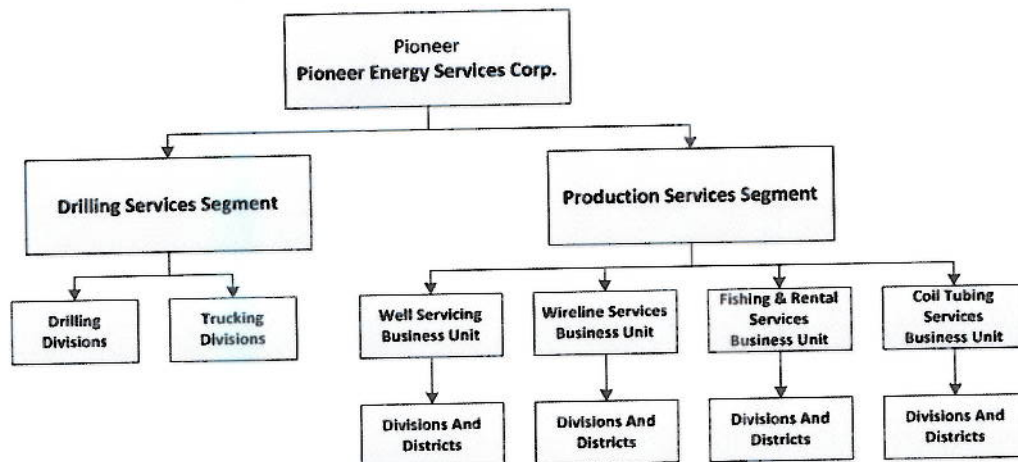
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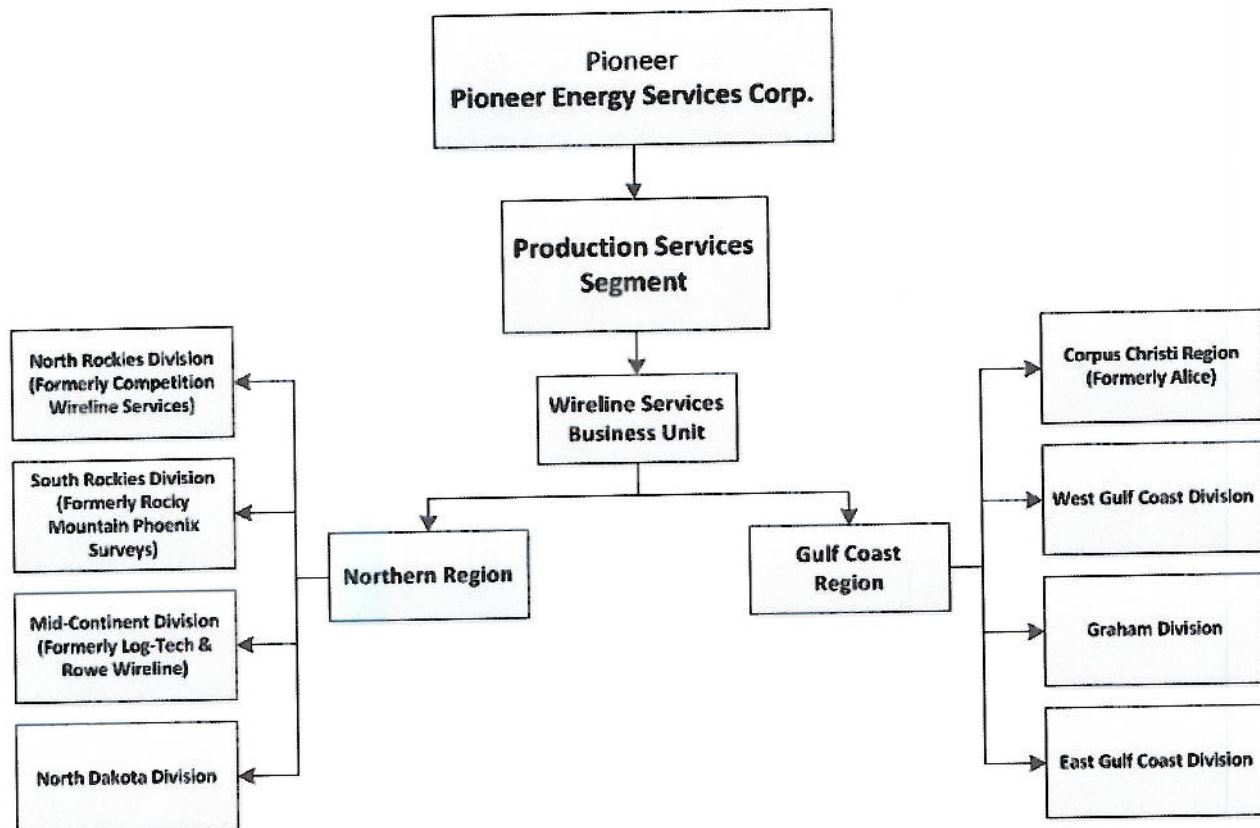
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The structure for Pioneer Energy Services Corp is organized as follows:



The organizational structure within the Wireline Business Unit has essentially remained the same and is presented as follows:



No. 578084

The organizational responsibilities within the Wireline Business Unit are presented from the District storage and usage level through the Division Level Radiation Safety Officer for the License (Agreement State and NRC) through Region Management (Gulf Coast & North) to the Business Unit Vice-President to the Business Segment President to the President and CEO of the Corporation.

PIONEER WIRELINE SERVICES, LLC RADIATION SAFETY CORPORATE STRUCTURE



The following logos are no longer in use:



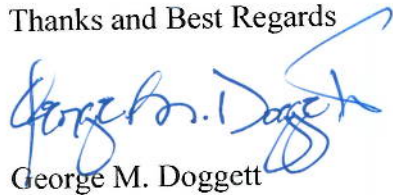
In summary, the proposed changes to the Company are a corporate name change and a minor change to the organizational structure. The following information with respect to the radiation safety program is acknowledged:

1. The new name for the Corporation is Pioneer Energy Services Corp and Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC remains a business unit of Pioneer Production Services, a segment of Pioneer Energy Services. The radioactive materials license should reflect the name “Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC”;
2. The “dba” brand under which the License previously operated – Competition Wireline Services is discontinued. The business unit offices where radioactive materials are stored (7069 Niehenke Ave, Billings, MT 59101; #4 Hole Brothers Road, Cut Bank, MT 59427; 2320 Second Street West, Havre, MT 59501; 1316 Willer Drive, Casper, WY 82604; and all operations in the outer continental shelf “OCSG” Gulf of Mexico) will operate under the name – Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC.
3. The Radiation Safety Officer for NRC License No 25-27802-01, Docket No 030-36849 remains Mr. George Doggett. Mr. Doggett continues to reside and office in Lafayette, LA. Mr. Doggett answers directly to Mr. Bill Bouziden, Vice-President, Gulf Coast Region and Mr. Monte Doenz, Vice-President, Northern Region as well as Mr. Martin O’Neil, Vice-President, Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC business unit. Mr. Bouziden and Mr. Doenz answers directly to Mr. Martin O’Neil, Vice-President Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC. Mr. Bouziden resides in the Corporate San Antonio office while both Mr. Doenz and Mr. O’Neil office in Billings, MT. Mr. O’Neil answers directly to Mr. Joe Eustace, President, Production Services Segment. Mr. Eustace answers directly to Mr. Stacy Locke, President and CEO, Pioneer Energy Services Corp. Mr. Eustace and Mr. Locke office in the Company’s corporate offices located in San Antonio, Texas.
4. Mr. George Doggett, HSE Director, continues to function as the Corporate Radiation Safety Officer and answers directly to Mr. O’Neil. Mr. Doggett resides and offices in Lafayette, LA.
5. There are no changes in personnel having control over licensed activities; there are no changes in any personnel named in the license such as Radiation Safety Officers, authorized users, or any other persons identified in previous license applications as responsible for radiation safety or use of licensed material.
6. There are no changes in training criteria including the qualifications, training, and responsibilities of new individuals.
7. There are no changes in the officers of the corporation.
8. There have been no transfers of stocks or assets. There have been no mergers. There has been no transfer of control. The actions discussed in this announcement are intended to notify the Agency that this is a name change only.
9. There are no planned changes in the organization, location, facility, equipment, or procedures (operating and emergency procedures will remain the same as previously submitted in the license renewal application).
10. There are no planned changes in the use, possession, location, or storage of the licensed materials.

11. There are no changes in the surveillance activities (e.g. calibrations, leak tests, surveys, inventories, and accountability requirements) and all surveillance requirements, records and documents are current.
12. The Company confirms that it will abide by all commitments and representations made previously to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in accordance with the terms and conditions of its radioactive materials license.

In conclusion, there are no changes in the management organization. The Corporation remains the same. Ownership of the company remains the same. Responsibilities for the day-to-day operations remain the same. The organization is rebranding its name and enabling some internal restructuring. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Doggett, Wireline Radiation Compliance Director; or, Mr. Bryce Seki, Corporate Counsel, 210.828.7689 x 2127, bseki@pioneer.com.

Thanks and Best Regards



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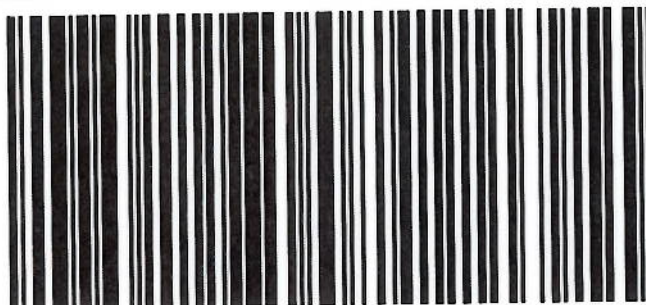
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| NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT AND/OR LICENSEE Pioneer Energy Services Corp. ATTN: George M. Doggett Radiation Safety Officer 7069 Niehenke Avenue Billings, Montana 59101 | LICENSE NUMBER 25-27802-01 |
| | MAIL CONTROL NUMBER 578084 |
| | LICENSING AND/OR TECHNICAL REVIEWER ch |

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your:

LETTER and/or APPLICATION DATED: 08/11/2012

The initial processing, which included an administrative review, has been performed.

AMENDMENT TERMINATION NEW LICENSE RENEWAL

- There were no administrative omissions identified during our initial review.
- This is to acknowledge receipt of your application for renewal of the material(s) license identified above. Your application is deemed timely filed, and accordingly, the license will not expire until final action has been taken by this office.
- Your application for a new NRC license did not include your taxpayer identification number. Please fill out NRC Form 531, located at the following link:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/forms/nrc531.pdf>

Send the completed NRC Form 531, by facsimile, to the following number: (301) 415-5387

A copy of your action has been emailed to our License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, in our Headquarters office in Rockville, MD. You will be contacted separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your application has been assigned the above listed **MAIL CONTROL NUMBER**. When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number. Your application has been forwarded to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review, which is normally completed within 180 days for a renewal application (90 days for all other requests), may identify additional omissions or require additional information. If you have any questions concerning the processing of your application, our contact information is listed below:

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INFORMATION FROM LTS

Program Code: 03110
Status Code: Pending Amendment
Fee Category: 5A
Exp. Date:
Fee Comments:
Decom Fin Assur Req: N

License Fee Worksheet - License Fee Transmittal

A. REGION

1. APPLICATION ATTACHED

Applicant/Licensee: Pioneer Wireline Services, LLC
Received Date: 08/20/2012
Docket Number: 3036849
Mail Control Number: 578084
License Number: 25-27802-01
Action Type: Amendment

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