NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Application Acronyms:

[NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
[DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
[PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
[WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
[SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]

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[EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A]

[A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication NSL NSP SD

Check One Only for [B] or [C]

[B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement

DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM

[C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recov WFX PMX SWD IPI EOR PPR

[D] Other: Specify

[2] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply

Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners

(B) Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner

[C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice

Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office

For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,

[F] Waivers are Attached

[3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Print or Type Name

BRIAN WOOD (505) 466-8120 FAX 466-9682 Signature

Title

Date

CONSULTANT

12-3-01

e-mail Address

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION FOR ELM RIDGE RESOURCES, INC. STATE OF NEW MEXICO 16 #21 WELL BASIN FRUITLAND FIELD & POOL 890' FNL & 1920' FWL SEC. 16, T. 23 N., R. 8 W., SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM

- I. The well is on BLM surface and a State oil and gas lease (LG-3926). The proposed location is non-standard for the Fruitland. A standard Fruitland location is in the southwest quarter or the northeast quarter. This well is in the northwest quarter to take advantage of an existing well bore which is no longer productive in its original (Gallup) zone. Elm Ridge has no plans now to drill a Fruitland well in the southwest quarter. The APD is attached.
- II. A Form C-102 showing the well location and proration unit (W2 for the Fruitland) is attached. Two state leases will be communitized. The well is on LG-3926 which comprises 280 acres in the NW4, W2NE4, and SENE Sec. 16. It will be communitized with state lease LH-0007/V-5960 which comprises 280 acres in the SW4, N2SE4, and SESE Sec. 16. Both leases (solid lines) and the communitized acreage dedication (dashed lines) are shown on the attached copy of the Lybrook NW USGS topo map.
- III. According to NM Oil Conservation Division records reviewed in their Santa Fe office on December 1, 2001; the closest producer is Elm Ridge's State of New Mexico 16-43. It is a Gallup oil well which is 3,793' southeast at 1600' FSL & 790' FEL 16-23n-8w. There are no existing or proposed Fruitland wells in Section 16, in the 8 surrounding sections which touch Section 16, nor in at least a 6,170' radius.

A copy of the Lybrook NW 7.5' USGS map is attached. The map shows the well site, proposed Fruitland acreage dedication (dashed line including all of west half of Sec. 16), leases (solid lines), and other existing well bores within a one mile radius (0 Fruitland + 1 Chacra + 2 P&A + 2 Gallup = 5). There is only one lease within a minimum 890' radius. Elm Ridge is the operator of the Fruitland rights in the two state leases to be communitized.

Registered letters were sent on December 3, 2001 to all offset interest owners. Copies of all the letters and postal receipts are attached.

IV. A copy of the Lybrook NW USGS map is attached. The well site is marked. Proration unit for the Fruitland is the 320 acre west half of Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, NM.

V. Elm Ridge selected its location to avoid disturbing new ground. All of Section 16 is split estate with state minerals and BLM surface. BLM is trying to minimize new disturbance (there are no roads in the southwest quarter) and Elm Ridge believes they have exhausted the Gallup potential in the existing well bore.

VI. No archaeology sites were found.

VII. See item V. above for a description of the surface conditions.

VIII. Directional drilling is not feasible because it is not cost effective.

IX. I hereby certify notice has been sent to the following lessees, lessors, operators of spacing units, or owners of undrilled leases which adjoin the applicant's spacing unit on one or more of the two sides or the single closest corner to the proposed well and that the information is current and correct.

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Bureau of Land Management Dugan Production Corp. NM State Land Office

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Signature, Title, & Date

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

) SS:

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3rd day of December, 2001 by Brian

Wood. Witness my hand and official seal.

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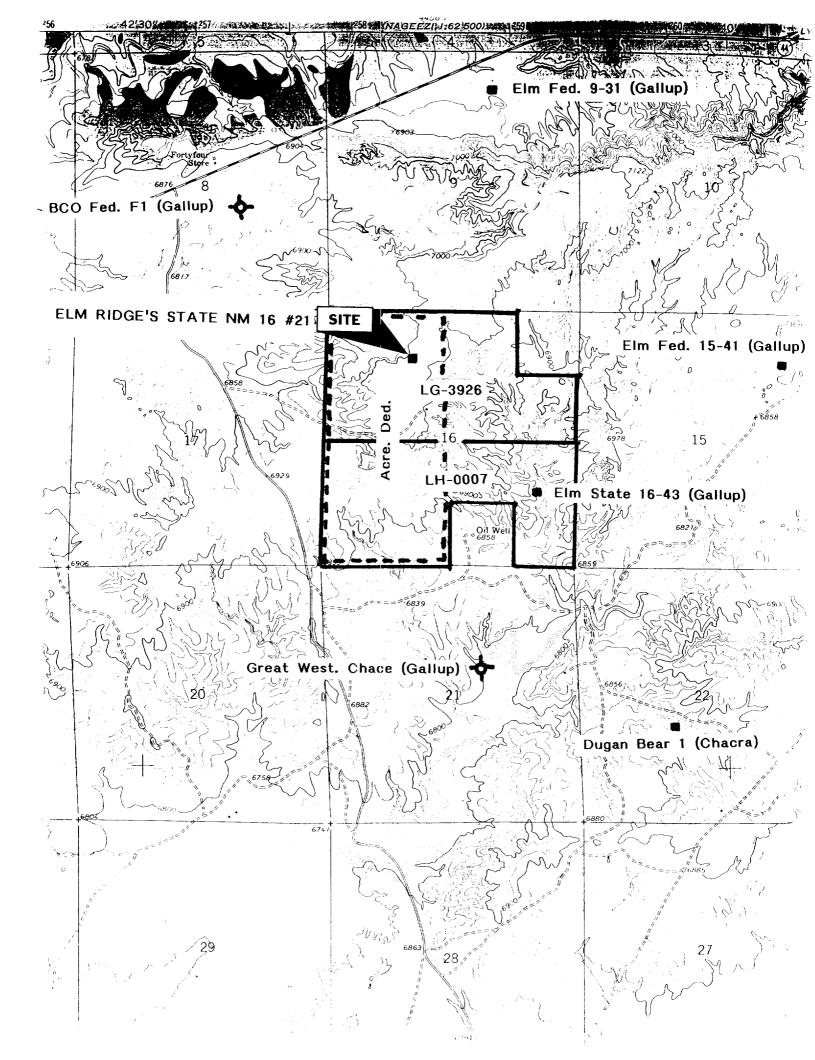
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Business Address: 37 VERANO LOOP, SANTA FE, NM 87508

cc: Aztec OCD, Clark, Endsley

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December 3, 2001

Cherry Hlava BP Amoco P. O. Box 3092 Houston, Tx. 77253

Dear Cherry,

As required by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rules, I am notifying you of the following non-standard location (NSL) for a well. This letter is a notice only. No action is needed unless you have questions or objections.

Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. is applying to reenter and develop the Fruitland coal zone in its State of NM 16 #21 (currently a TSI Gallup oil well). Standard Fruitland coal wells are located in the northeast or southwest quarter of each section. Thus, this is a non-standard location. It is 890' from the closest lease boundary. It is 3,793' from the closest producing well.

Well Name: State of New Mexico 16 #21

Total Depth: 5,508'

Proposed NSL Producing Zone: Fruitland coal

NSL Acreage Dedication: 320.00 ac. (W2 Sec. 16) to Fruitland

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San Juan County, NM on state lease LG-3926

Approximate Location: ≈3 air miles southeast of Nageezi, NM

Applicant Name: Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. (505) 632-3476

Applicant's Address: P. O. Box 189, Farmington, NM 87499

Submittal Information: Application for a non-standard location will be filed with the NM Oil Conservation Division. If they determine the application

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Sincerely.

Brian Wood

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BLM 1235 LaPlata Highway Farmington, NM 87401

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State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe. NM 87505 Form C-101 Revised March 17, 1999

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Fee Lease - 5 Copies

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December 3, 2001 Phone (505) 466-8120					6-8120	Conditions of Approval: Attached						

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