



Vastar Resources, Inc.

Joint Ventures and Land

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June 19, 2000

Lori Wrontenberg, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Vastar Resources, Inc. for Administrative Approval of an Unorthodox Well Location for its Carracas 25 A Well No. 16, to be located 585 feet from the South line and 710 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

Vastar Resources, Inc. hereby seeks administrative approval pursuant to the provisions of Rule 8 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool adopted on October 17, 1988, of an unorthodox well location for its 25 A Well No. 16, to be drilled in the Fruitland Coal formation at an unorthodox well location 585 feet from the South line and 710 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. A standard 320-acre spacing unit comprising the E2 Section 25 will be dedicated to the well.

The well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 3800 feet to test the Fruitland Coal formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool.

This location in the Fruitland Coal formation is unorthodox because Rule 7 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool (Order No. R8768, as amended) provides for wells to be located in the NE/4 or SW/4 of a single governmental section and located no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the proration unit nor closer than 10 feet to any interior quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary.

This unorthodox location is required by topographic conditions and Carson National Forest requirements. The proposed well is located at the end of an existing road and would be drilled on an existing pad that was previously built, but not drilled upon. The Forest Service has requested that new wells be placed along existing roads so as not to further impact the environment with new access roads.

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Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a topographical map showing no standard location is available for the well on this spacing unit. Attached as Exhibit B and C are the C-102 Plat and the APD. These exhibits show that the unorthodox location is supported by the surface topography of the area.

Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a plat as required by Rule 104.F(3) showing the subject spacing unit, the proposed unorthodox well location, the offsetting wells and the diagonal and adjoining spacing units. Exhibit F lists parties affected by this application. A copy of this application, including a copy of the plat described above has been sent to these affected parties by certified mail-return receipt requested in accordance with Rule 1206(A)(5) advising them that if they have an objection to this application it must be filed in writing within twenty days from the date this notice was sent.

Copies of this request have also been provided to the Aztec Office and the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Rodgers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Rodgers, CPL

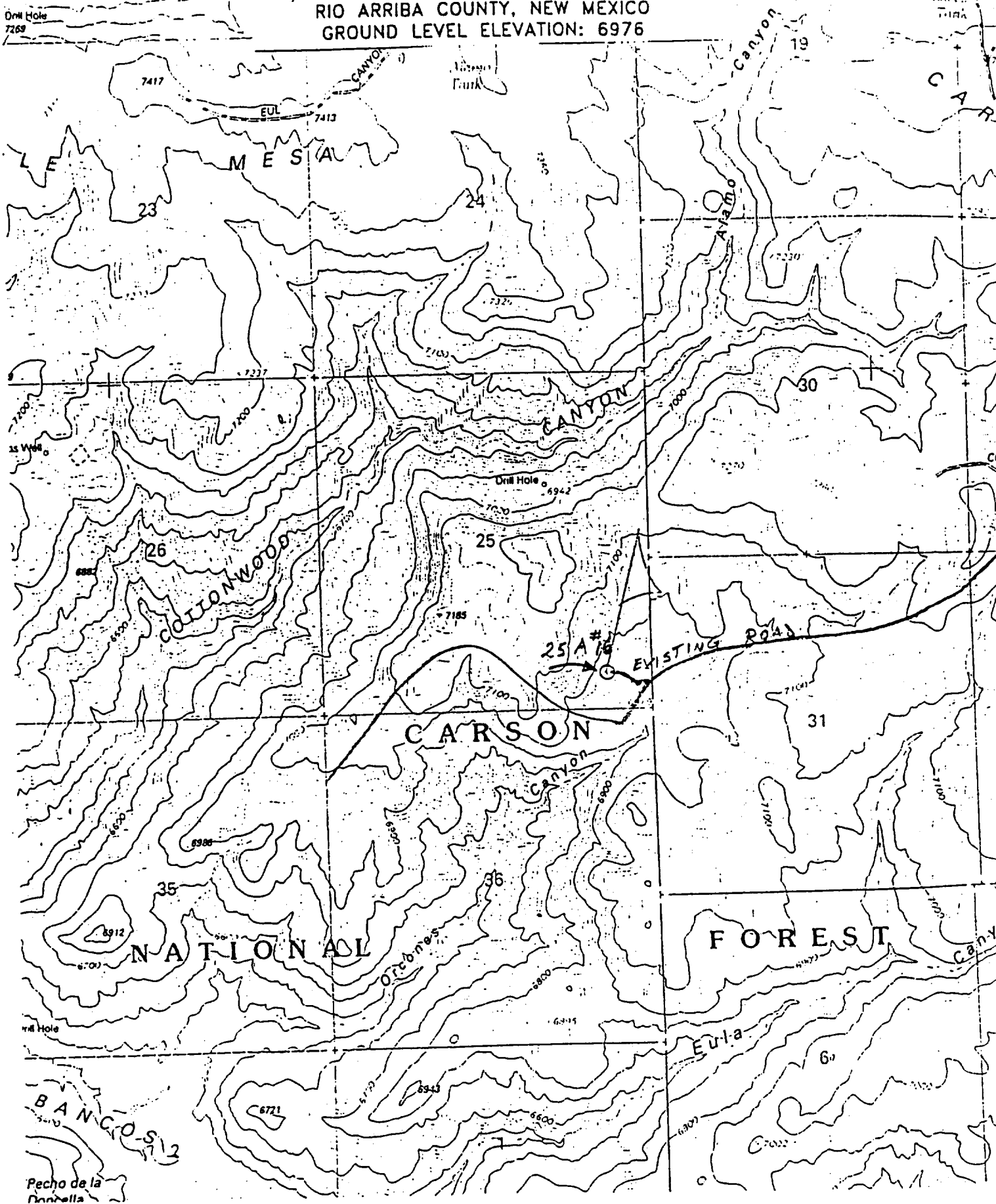
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Enclosures

VASTAR RESOURCES, INC.
CARRACAS 25A #16

585' FSL, 710' FEL
SE/4 SEC.25, T-32-N, R-5-W, N.M.P.M.,
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
GROUND LEVEL ELEVATION: 6976

Drill Hole
7269



District I
PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980
District II
PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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Form C-102
Revised February 21, 1994
Instructions on back
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

* API Number		* Pool Code	* Pool Name
		71629	BASIN FRUITLAND COAL
* Property Code	* Property Name		* Well Number
	CARRACAS 25A		16
* OGRID No.	* Operator Name		* Elevation
36619	VASTAR RESOURCES, INC.		6976'

10 Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
P	25	32N	5W		585'	SOUTH	710'	EAST	RIO ARriba

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

12 Dedicated Acres	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 Order No.
320			

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

16	S89°56'W	5276.70'	
5280.00'			5280.00'
Section 25			
North			North
	N89°54'W	5280.66'	585'
			710'

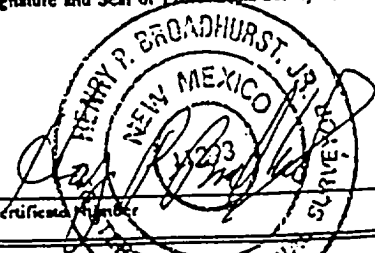
17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Charles W. Knight, Jr.
Signature
CHARLES KNIGHT, JR.
Printed Name
AGENT
Title
MAY 19, 2000
Date

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

05/12/2000
Date of Survey
Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:

Certification Number