CASE 7343: CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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1 2 MR. STAMETS: We'll call next Case 7343. 3 MR. PEARCE: Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc., for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New 5 Mexico. MR. BUELL: Mr. Examiner, I'm Sumner 7 Buell, with the firm of Jasper and Buell, appearing on behalf of the applicant, and I have one witness. 10 (Witness sworn.) 11 12 ERNEST BUSCH 13 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, 14 testified as follows, to-wit: 15 16 **EXAMINATION** DIRECT 17 BY MR. BUELL: 18 Would you state your name, please, sir? 19 Ernest Busch. A. 20 Where do you reside, Mr. Busch? 21 Kirtland, New Mexico. 22 And by whom are you employed? **23** Caribou Four Corners, Inc. 24 In what capacity? 25 Area Manager.

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In the plat is the San Juan River as it was located in 1881 on a land survey that constitutes the treaty of the Navajo Tribe with the United States of America. In the north portion of the east half of the northwest quarter is the fee acreage which constitutes approximately 42.23 acres, including riparian acreage.

In the south portion of the east half is the portion which belongs to the Navajo Tribal lands, which has dedicated acreage of approximately 37.77 acreage, including riparian acreage.

quarter is situated Kirtland No. 3, which is a presently producing oil well for Caribou Four Corners, and in the west half of the northwest quarter is a point indicating Kirtland No. 4, which is also a producing oil well belonging to Four Corners — to Caribou Four Corners, Incorporated.

That's all I have to say at this present

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A Oh, yes, yes. The proposed location for the well aforementioned is located 1310 feet, has been surveyed at 1310 feet from the north line and 1740 feet from

the west line and is indicated by the gree; dot.

Referring you to what's been marked for identification as Exhibit Number Two, would you explain what that is, please?

A. Yes. Exhibit Number Two is an AFE for the proposed Kirtland No. 11, which is the well represented by the green dot, in the Cha Cha-Gallup Field, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, with a projected TD of 4700 feet.

An estimated cost of drilling and completing at this time has been set at \$307,092; however, with
the precarious nature of the location, in that it is in a
swampy area, the location and roads section of the intangibles,
Section Number 5-A, may be as high as \$20,000 more.

If it is a dry hole, the cost incurred would be somewhere around \$158,000 to Caribou Four Corners and their partners.

Q Would you briefly outline the histories of Kirtland No. 3 and Kirtland No. 4, the present wells?

A yes. Kirtland No. 3 was spudded in August of 1979 with a total depth of 4751 feet. The completed zones are 4514 feet to 4554 feet. The initial production on the -- on Kirtland No. 3 was a trace of oil with about 90

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barrels of water. The current production is 40 barrels of oil a day with about 10 barrels of water. This -- this water is from a waterflood project that was instituted by Humble Oil back in 1966 to the -- to the south of us in the reservation area.

Kirtland No. 4 was spudded in September of 1979 and drilled to a total depth of 4705 feet with a completed zone -- the completed zone of 4448 to 4520 feet. The initial production was -- excuse me. Initial production was 78 barrels of cil to 60 barrels of water. Current production is 14 barrels of cil to zero barrels of water, which indicates that, to me, that there may be some channeling effect in the waterflood system which makes the reservoir unpredictable in terms of what fluid movement may result.

Q Mr. Busch, have you made any efforts to contact the mineral interest owners under the Navajo tract?

A. Yes, I have. I initially contacted

Energy Reserves Group, which is a partner of Suburban Propane.

They then referred me to Suburban Propane as the -- as the operators.

I then called Steve Lee, the Vice President of production in San Antonio, Texas, July 18th, and discussed this matter with him. I asked Steve, Mr. Lee, if he
was interested in joining Caribou Four Corners in this project

1 2 and at that time he indicated that they were not interested, 3 but that they had no objection to us drilling a well. Later conversations indicated that we should go ahead with our application of forced pooling and that they might voluntarily join later. Now you have asked that a risk penalty What would you recommend to the Commission? be assessed. I feel that 200 percent is not -- is not 10 out of line. 11 Why is that? Well, the well is, in my opinion, a high 13 risk well in that it is located in a waterflood area and inso-14 much that -- that channeling may occur, it is very difficult 15 to determine what may be the status of the hydrocarbons in 16 the underlying portion. 17 What in your opinion would be a reason-18 able charge for supervision while this well is drilling? 19 I feel that in terms of drilling \$1500 20 and after completion \$300. 21 Are you of the opinion that the granting 22 of this application will prevent waste and protect correla-23 tive rights? Yes. Yes, I am.

And do you also ask to be designated

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2	writing that would show that you had indeed contacted Suburbar
3	Propane, or from them which would show that you had contacted
4	them and they chose not to join?
5	A. I do not, sir, in my possession.
6	Q Can you acquire same and submit it sub-
7	sequent to this hearing?
8	A I certainly can.
9	Q That's pretty much standard procedure
10	to verify that in fact bona fide attempts have been made to
11	obtain voluntary agreement prior to this hearing.
12	And Suburban Propane is the working
13	interest owner of the Navajo Tribal lands?
14	λ. Yes. Ye>, sir.
15	MR. STAMETS: Okay, we will leave the
16	record open for submittal of that information.
· 17	And then the well location is an unortho-
18	dox location. Has that already been obtained or are you
19	going to seek that administratively?
20	A It has not been obtained. I would seek
21	it administratively.
22	MR. STAMETS: Okay. As a matter of fact
23	the advertisement in this case does say standard location,
24	so that would have to be either a separate application or as
25	a result of some sort of a topographic condition in the area

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2	which would require that.
3	A. Okay, the condition that requires the
4	unorthodox location is the north portion of the east half is
5	a residential area.
6	MR. STAMETS: Let's go off the record,
7	Sally.
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9	(Thereupon a discussion
10	was had off the record.)
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12	MR. STAMETS: Okay, we'll go back on the
13	record, Sally.
14	Mr. Busch, do you have any voluntary
15	operating agreements that you've entered or written of late
16	which show that these are indeed the overhead charges which
17	Suburban is utilizing at this time, or not Suburban, but
18	Caribou?
<b>∉€19</b>	A. Okay, pertaining to the AFE?
20	Q. Well, the overhead charges for operation
21	of a well while it's being
22	A. COh, oh, yes. Yes.
23	Q Okay, would you submit those subsequent
24	to the hearing?
25	A. Okay.

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2	Q I would appreciate it.
3	A. Okay.
4	MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of this
5	witness? He may be excused.
6	Anything further in this case?
7	MR. BUELL: I have nothing else, Mr.
8	Examiner.
9	MR. STAMETS: Ckay, what about the stand-
10	ard location problem?
. 11	MR. BUELL: I'm going to write Suburban.
12	MR. STAMETS: Okay, but we need somebody
13	to ask us to amend the application.
14	MR. BUELL: Would you amend the appli-
15	cation?
16	MR. STAMETS: We will amend the appli-
17	cation.
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20	take a short recess.
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22	(Hearing concluded.)
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#### CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC DISTRICT STREET OF THE APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC DISTRICT STREET OF THE APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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No. 7343

#### APPLICATION

SANTA FE

Comes now Caribou Four Corners, Inc. by its attorneys, Jasper and Buell, and applies to the Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gallup formation beneath the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West (E/2 NW/4 Sec. 18, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.) N.M.P.M. San Juan County, New Mexico, and in support of its application states:

- 1. Applicant proposes to be the operator of and is an interested party in the mineral interests under the above described lands within the intervals designated.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Caribou Four Corners Kirtland No. 12 well on the above described lands to test the above described formation for the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons at a standard location.
- 3. Applicant has attempted to obtain the participation of all remaining working interest owners in the above described lands and intervals in the drilling of the proposed well, but has not been successful.
- 4. Applicant is entitled to a reasonable allocation of costs in the drilling and operating of the well and a reasonable charge for supervision during drilling and operations.
  - 5. Applicant is entitled to be designated operator of the well.
- 6. Applicant asks that it be awarded a three hundred percent (300%) isk factor to be charged non-participating interest owners.

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7. A mineral interest owner of the formation under the above described lands which may have an interest is:

Suburban Propane & Exploration Company, Inc. P. O. Box 17689
San Antonio, Texas 78217

- 8. The granting of this application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 9. This application may be heard by the Oil Conservation Division or one of its designated examiners.

JASPER and BUELL

Sumner G. Buell

Post Office Box 1626 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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### EXHIBIT "A"

Plat of communitized area covering E/2 NW/4 Sec. 18, T29N, R14W, Cha Cha Gallup Field \_ San Juan, New Mexico.

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#### CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC.

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Wellhead Equip.		5,000	5,000	<u> </u>
Artificial Lift Equip. Flow Line	<del></del>	30,000	30,000 1,200	ļ
Process & Storage Equip.		13,500	13,500	
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(c) Bogging	9,000	2,000	11,000	
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the Cha Cha-Gallup Field, San Juan County, New Mexico.

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In the south portion of the east half is the portion which belongs to the Navajo Tribal lands, which has dedicated acreage of approximately 37.77 acreage, including riparian acreage.

In the west half of the northeast quarter is situated Kirtland No. 3, which is a presently producing oil well for Caribou Four Corners, and in the west half of the northwest quarter is a point indicating Kirtland No. 4, which is also a producing oil well belonging to Four Corners -- to Caribou Four Corners, Incorporated.

That's all I have to say at this present

time.

Does that exhibit also show your proposed location?

Oh, yes, yes. The proposed location for the well aforementioned is located 1310 feet, has been surveyed at 1310 feet from the north line and 1740 feet from

the west line and is indicated by the green dot.

Q Referring you to what's been marked for identification as Exhibit Number Two, would you explain what that is, please?

A. Yes. Exhibit Number Two is an AFE for the proposed Kirtland No. 11, which is the well represented by the green dot, in the Cha Cha-Gallup Field, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, with a projected TD of 4700 feet.

An estimated cost of drilling and completing at this time has been set at \$307,092; however, with the precarious nature of the location, in that it is in a swampy area, the location and roads section of the intangibles, Section Number 5-A, may be as high as \$20,000 more.

If it is a dry hole, the cost incurred would be somewhere around \$158,000 to Caribou Four Corners and their partners.

Of Kirtland No. 3 and Kirtland No. 4, the present wells?

A. Yes. Kirtland No. 3 was spudded in

August of 1979 with a total depth of 4751 feet. The completed

zones are 4514 feet to 4554 feet. The initial production

on the -- on Kirtland No. 3 was a trace of oil with about 90

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 barrels of water. The current production is 40 barrels of oil a day with about 10 barrels of water. This -- this water is from a waterflood project that was instituted by Humble Oil back in 1966 to the -- to the south of us in the reservation area.

Kirtland No. 4 was spudded in September of 1979 and drilled to a total depth of 4705 feet with a completed zone -- the completed zone of 4448 to 4520 feet. The initial production was -- excuse me. Initial production was 78 barrels of oil to 60 barrels of water. Current production is 14 barrels of oil to zero barrels of water, which indicates that, to me, that there may be some channeling effect in the waterflood system which makes the reservoir unpredictable in terms of what fluid movement may result.

Q. Mr. Busch, have you made any efforts to contact the mineral interest owners under the Navajo tract?

A. Yes, I have. I initially contacted

Energy Reserves Group, which is a partner of Suburban Propane.

They then referred me to Suburban Propane as the -- as the operators.

I then called Steve Lee, the Vice President of production in San Antonio, Texas, July 18th, and discussed this matter with him. I asked Steve, Mr. Lee, if he was interested in joining Caribou Four Corners in this project

1 and at that time he indicated that they were not interested, 2 but that they had no objection to us drilling a well. 3 Later conversations indicated that we should go ahead with our application of forced pooling and 5 that they might voluntarily join later. Now you have asked that a risk penalty What would you recommend to the Commission? be assessed. I feel that 200 percent is not -- is not 10 out of line. Why is that? 11 Well, the well is, in my opinion, a high 12 risk well in that it is located in a waterflood area and inso-13 much that -- that channeling may occur, it is very difficult 14 to determine what may be the status of the hydrocarbons in 15 16 the underlying portion. What in your opinion would be a reason-17 able charge for supervision while this well is drilling? 18 I feel that in terms of drilling \$1500 19 20 and after completion \$300. Are you of the opinion that the granting 21 of this application will prevent waste and protect correla-22 23 tive rights? 24 Yes, I am. Yes. And do you also ask to be designated

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2	operator of this well?
3	A. Yes, we do.
4	Q Have you a particular problem with this
5	lease that's somewhat unique but maybe not too unique to the
6	Commission?
7	A. Yes, I'm certain that that's the case.
8	I have a leaseholder who wants this well drilled and his lease
9	expires October 4th, and so he's moving moving to have it
10	done, and he has indicated that if a forced pooling order is
11	obtained that he will extend us a six month lease to give us
12	reasonable period in which to drill the aforementioned well.
13	Q Were Exhibits One and Two prepared by
14	you or under your supervision?
15	A. Yes, sir, they were.
<b>16</b> ,	MR. BUELL: I move the introduction of
17	Exhibits One and Two.
18	MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be ad-
19	mitted.
20	MR. BUELL: I have nothing else, Mr.
21	Stamets.
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23	CROSS EXAMINATION
24	BY MR. STAMETS:
25	Q Mr. Busch, do you have anything in

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2	writing that would show that you had indeed contacted Suburba		
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	Propane, or from them which would show that you had contacted		
4	them and they chose not to join?		
5	A. I do not, sir, in my possession.		
6	Q Can you acquire same and submit it sub-		
7	sequent to this hearing?		
8	A. I certainly can.		
9	Q. That's pretty much standard procedure		
10	to verify that in fact bona fide attempts have been made to		
11	obtain voluntary agreement prior to this hearing.		
12	And Suburban Propane is the working		
13	interest owner of the Navajo Tribal lands?		
14	A. Yes. Yes, sir.		
15	MR. STAMETS: Okay, we will leave the		
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	record open for submittal of that information.		
17	And then the well location is an unortho		
18	dox location. Has that already been obtained or are you		
19	going to seek that administratively?		
20	A. It has not been obtained. I would seek		
21	it administratively.		
22	MR. STAMETS: Okay. As a matter of fact		
23	the advertisement in this case does say standard location,		
24	so that would have to be either a separate application or as		
25	a result of some sort of a topographic condition in the area		

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2	which would require that.
3	A. Okay, the condition that requires the
4	unorthodox location is the north portion of the east half is
5	a residential area.
6	MR. STAMETS: Let's go off the record,
7	Sally.
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9	(Thereupon a discussion
10	was had off the record.)
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12	MR. STAMETS: Okay, we'll go back on the
13	record, Saily.
14	Mr. Busch, do you have any voluntary
15	operating agreements that you've entered or written of late
16	which show that these are indeed the overhead charges which
17	Suburban is utilizing at this time, or not Suburban, but
18	Caribou?
19	A. Okay, pertaining to the AFE?
20	$\mathfrak{g}$ well, the overhead charges for operation
21	of a well while it's being
22	Oh, oh, yes. Yes.
23	Q Okay, would you submit those subsequent
24	to the hearing?
25	A. Okay.
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2	<b>Q</b>	I would appreciate it.
3	<b>A.</b>	Okay.
4		MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of this
5	witness? He may be	excused.
, <b>6</b>		Anything further in this case?
. <b>7</b> ,		MR. BUELL: I have nothing else, Mr.
8	Examiner.	
9		MR. STAMETS: Okay, what about the stand-
10	ard location problem	<b>?</b>
11	And the second s	MR. BUELL: I'm going to write Suburban.
12		MR. STAMETS: Okay, but we need somebody
13	to ask us to amend t	he application.
14		MR. BUELL: Would you amend the appli-
15	cation?	
16		MR. STAMETS: We will amend the appli-
17	cation.	and the second of the second
18	5	MR. STAMETS: And at this time we will
19	take a short recess.	
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21		(Hearing concluded.)
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Snely W. Borph CSR.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 2343. Examiner

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Production and Exploration Office SANTA FE

PO Box 2105

Farmington, NM 87499

January 24, 1983

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State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division Post Ofrice Box 2088 State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Joe Ramey

RE: T. 29 N., R. 14 W., N.M.P.M. Sec. 18: E/2 NW/4 San Juan County New Mexico

Joe Ramey, Director,

As per Case No. 7343, Order No. R-6800, please find escrow accounts opened for proceeds from production of referenced spacing unit, with escrow agent being, First National Bank, PO Box 540, Farmington, NM 87499.

Respectfully/Submitt

Land Records & Accounting Manager

CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC.

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Production and Exploration Office Box 627 Kirtland, New Mexico 87417

Sept, 25, 1981

Oil Conservation Division Richard L. Stamets P 0 Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dooket No. 29-81 Case No. 7343

Sir,

This letter is in compliance with your request concerning overhead operating costs for the proposed well location in the W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, San Juan.

The overhead operating costs for office and administrative supervision will be around \$250.00/mo. However, after the well is completed the well site supervision, pumping etal, will be around \$400.00/

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie Busch Area Manager

EB/ph

cc: file

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# ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

October 14, 1981

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 (505) 827-2434

Mr. Sumner G. Buell Jasper & Buell Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1626 Santa Fe, New Mexico Re: CASE NO. 7343 ORDER NO. R-6800

Applicant:

Caribou Four Corners, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Other

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7343 Order No. R-6800

APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 23, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 13th day of October, 1932, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Caribou Four Corners, Inc., originally requested an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

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- (3) That at the hearing the applicant sought amendment of the application to permit it to subsequently seek approval of an unorthodox location for the well: to be drilled upon the pooled unit.
- (4) That the proposed amendment to the application was approved.
- (5) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon or an unorthodox location to be subsequently approved.
- (6) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (7) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (8) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (9) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (10) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (11) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (12) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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- \$300.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (14) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (15) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before February 1, 1982, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to formed standard 80-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon or an unorthodox location to be subsequently approved.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the lst day of February, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Gallup formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

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PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Caribou Four Corners, Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advarga as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$300.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

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- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in San Juan County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said esproy agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OLL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY DIRECTOR

SEAL

Reply to: P. O. Box 17889 Sen Antonio, Texas 78217

September 29, 1981

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: N.M.O.C.D. Case No. 7343
Caribou Four Corners, Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling in
San Juan County, New Mexico

### Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that Suburban Propane has no objection to the proposed application of Caribou Four Corners or to its well's location. We will cooperate in the communitization of the 80 acres and await action by Caribou toward that end.

Very truly yours,

Atephen K. Lee

Stephen K. Lee Vice President Drilling and Production

SKL:dt

cc: Jasper and Buell
P.O. Box 1626
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Caribou Four Corners, Inc.
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MR. NUTTER: Call Case Number 7343. MR. PEARCE: Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc., for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. MR. NUTTER: Applicant in this case has requested continuance. Case Number 7343 will be continued to the Examiner Hearing scheduled to be held at this same place at 10 9:00 o'clock a. m. September 23rd, 1981. 11 12 (Hearing concluded.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 **22** 6 24

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Josey W. Boyd CSR

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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Legal EXHIBIT NO.

CASE NO. 1343

Submitted by Caribau If Corace
Hearing Date Sept 23, 1981 EXHIBIT "A"

Plat of communitized area covering E/2 NW/4
Sec. 18, T29N, R14W, Cha Cha Gallup Field \_
San Juan, New Mexico.

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### CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC.

## COST ESTIMATE & AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

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Artificial Lift Equip.		30,000	30,000	
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Dockets Nos. 29-81 and 30-81 are tentatively set for September 23 and October 7, 1981. Applications for hearing munt be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 7341: Application of Superior Oil Company for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of South
  Carlsbad Strawn and Morrow production in the wellbore of its Collatt State Com Well No. 1
  located in Unit J of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 26 East.
- CASE 7342: Application of Arco Oil and Gas Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Blinebry and Drinkard production in the wellbore of its State 367 Well No. 2 located in Unit L of Section 36 and its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 23, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 7343: Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha
  Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West,
  to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered
  will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as
  well as operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the
  well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7344: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE '7345: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory exoling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Lovington Penn Pool underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7346: Application of Cibola Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp through Devonian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7347: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to
  be drilled 660 feet from the South Line and 860 feet from the West Line of Section 20, Township
  16 South, Range 34 East, Kernitz-Horrow Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to
  the well.

Dockets Nos. 31-1 and 37-81 are tentatively set for October 7, and October 21, 1981. Applications for hearing , must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER BEARIN - WELLO, LAY -SUPTEMBER 23, 1981

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The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner or Deniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 7353: Application of Texaco, Inc., for the amendment of Division Order No. R-5530, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5530, which authorized its

  Central Vacuum Unit Area Pressure Maintenace Project, to increase the total project area allowable,

  or as an alternative, to reclassify the project as a waterflood project.
- Application of Corona Oil Company, for a pilot steam-enhanced oil recovery project, Guaralupe County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pilot steam-enhanced oil recovery project in the Santa Rosa formation by using two existing wells and three additional wells to be drilled to complete a five spot pattern located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 17, Township 11 North, Range 26 East.
- CASE 7355: Application of Doyle Hartman for directional drilling and an unorthodox location. Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill his Bates Well No. 3, the surface location of which is 1635 feet from the South line and 1210 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, in such a manner as to bottom it at a depth of 3500 feet in the Jalmat Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 20. The SW/A of said Section 20 would be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 1356: Application of S & I Oil Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the W/2 SW/4 of Section (2,55) wishing 29 North, Range 15 West, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7357: Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka and Morrow fermations underlying the W/2 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
  - Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the

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well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7343:

Application of John Yuronka for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Langley Mattix Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, to form four 40-acre tracts, each to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

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September 4, 1981

Oil Conservation Division Land Office Building, P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case No. 7343

Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for Compulsory
Pooling, San Juan County

Gentlemen:

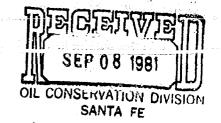
On behalf of the applicant, we request that the above case be removed from the docket of September 9, 1981 and reset on the docket of September 23, 1981.

If you need anything further, please feel free to call me.

Yours very truly,

SUMNER G. BHELL

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# EXHIBIT "A"

Plat of communitized area covering E/2 NW/4
Sec. 18, 729N, R14W, Cha Cha Gallup Field San Juan, New Mexico.

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Exhibit 1 1 = 1000'

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### CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC.

### COST ESTIMATE & AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, IN THE COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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No. 7343

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE

### APPLICATION

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- 1. Applicant proposes to be the operator of and is an interested party in the mineral interests under the above described lands within the intervals designated.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Caribou Four Corners Kirtland
  No. 12 well on the above described lands to test the above described
  formation for the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons at a standard
  location.
- 3. Applicant has attempted to obtain the participation of all remaining working interest owners in the above described Cands and intervals in the drilling of the proposed well, but has not been successful.
- 4. Applicant is entitled to a reasonable allocation of costs in the drilling and operating of the well and a reasonable charge for supervision during drilling and operations.
  - 5. Applicant is entitled to be designated operator of the well.
- 6. Applicant asks that it be awarded a three hundred percent (300%) risk factor to be charged non-participating interest owners.

7. A mineral interest owner of the formation under the above described lands which may have an interest is:

> Suburban Propane & Exploration Company, Inc. P. O. Box 17689 San Antonio, Texas 78217

- 8. The granting of this application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 9. This application may be heard by the Oil Conservation Division or one of its designated examiners.

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO.	7343	
Order No.	R- 1.800	

APPLICATION OF CARIBOU FOUR CORNERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEAK KOUNKINK WENKINGO. SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 23 19 81 , at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets NOW, on this day of , 1981 , the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the

recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the

premises, FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Caribou Four Corners, Inc. socks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil \_\_underlying the \_\_E/2 NW/4 of Section 18 , Township 29 North , Range 14 West Mexico to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard locution thereon. (3) That at the hearing the applicant sought sought amendment of the application to permit it to subsequently seek opproval of an unorthodox location for the well to be drilled upon the pooled unit. (4) That the proposed amendment to

he application was approved.

- (5) (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon or an unor hoden to be satisfied approved.

  (6) (6) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (8) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (9) (1) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(13) (42) That \$ 1500 per month while drilling and
\$ 300 per month while producing should be fixed as reason-
able charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the
operator should be authorized to withhold from production the
proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to
each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto,
the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the
proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating
the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable
to each non-consenting working interest.

(1/1)(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before Februam / pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be,
in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool formationxunderlying the E/2 NW/4
of Section 18 , Township 29 North , Range 14 West ,
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are hereby pooled to form a standard 80- acre gas spacing
and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon or an war or tho dex location
PROVIDED HOWEVER, Chat the operator of said unit shall
commence the drilling of said well on or before the /s/day of
February, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling
of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the
Grallup formation;
PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not

commence the drilling of said well on or before the \_\_\_\_day of February, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Caribou Four Corners, Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

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above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rate share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated d well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- per month while drilling and

  per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

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- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in San Juan County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.