STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISON

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APPLICATION OF TEXLAND PETROLEUM, L.P.	NBL
FOR AN ORDER TO VOID AND REVOKE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-3086	9
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-5066 AND FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST	PM
LATIGO PETROLEUM, INC. REQUIRING IT	⊷
TO IMMEDIATELY SHUT-IN THE CONOCO STATE WELL NO. 3, COMPULSORY POOLING, REMOVAL	20
OF OPERATOR AND OTHER RELIEF, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO	
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CASE NO. 13494

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FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION

Texland Petroleum, L.P. ("Texland") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") for a Compliance Order, including fines, against Latigo Petroleum, Inc. ("Latigo") including an order to void and revoke Administrative Order DHC-3086, and to require Latigo to immediately shut-in its Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35961) located in Unit J of Section 33, T18S, R38E, Lea County New Mexico until such time as: (i) a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 of this section, is dedicated to this well in the Tubb formation, Hobbs-Tubb Gas Pool, (ii) the production proceeds from this well in the Tubb and Drinkard formations are reallocated and paid to the owners in these spacing units from the date of first production, and (iii) paid the fines for violations of the Oil and Gas Act. Section 70-2-31 NMSA 1978. Further, Applicant seeks a compulsory pooling order including provisions for designation of the applicant as the operator and the removal of Latigo as the operator.

In support, the Applicant states:

(1) Texland is the lessee of the oil and gas rights in the NE/4SE/4 of Section 33, T18S, R38E.

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- (2) Upon information and belief, Occidental Permian Ltd ("OXY") is the lessee of the oil and gas rights in the SE/4SE/4 of this section and is the current operator of the State "HF" Com Well No. 1 (API 30-025-26368) dedicate to an 80-acre Drinkard spacing units consisting of the E/2SED/4 of this section.
- (3) Latigo and its predecessor, Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. ("Saga") is the lessee of the oil and gas rights in the W/2SE/4 of this section.
- (4) This acreage is within the standard 160-acre gas spacing unit that Latigo and its predecessor, Saga, should have dedicated when gas production from the Tubb formation was downhole commingled with oil production from the Drinkard formation within the wellbore of the Conoco State Well No. 3.
- (5) In addition, this acreage is within the non-standard 80-acre oil spacing unit that Latigo's predecessor, Saga, originally dedicated when oil production from the Drinkard formation was obtained from the Conoco State Well No. 3.
- (6) Saga obtained an approved APD, dated July 30, 2002, from the Division for this well by filing an application that included forms C-102, dated July 17, 2002, for the Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool and pursuant to Rule 104.C(3), dedicated a standard Blinebry 40-acre spacing consisting of the NW/4SE/4 of this section and a standard Drinkard 80-acre oil spacing unit consisting of the N/2SE/4 of this section.
- (7) The Division records reflect that Saga spudded the Conoco State #3 Well on August 27, 2002 and on October 13, 2002 completed it for production from the Drinkard formation of the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool. See Completion Report (attached as Exhibit "1") and despite the fact that Division Order R-4166, dated July 1, 1971 in Case 4564 had originally approved a nonstandard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit being the SW/4NE/4 and NW/4SE/4, Saga dedicated the N/2SE/4 as a standard 80acre lay-down oil spacing and proration unit. See the C-102 for the Drinkard, dated 7/17/2002, signed by Bonnie Husband, and attached as Exhibit "2"

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- (8) Division Rule 303 requires a 20-day notice period for applications for downhole commingled production with which Saga failed to comply.
- (9) On December 9, 2002, Saga filed Division Form C-107A requesting approval to downhole commingling production ("DHC") from the Tubb and the Drinkard formations that failed to include evidence of compliance with the OCD notice requirements. See Exhibit "3"
- (10) Saga also filed Division Form C-102, dated 12/09/02, signed by Bonnie Husband that showed the SE/4 of Section 3 as the 160-acres spacing unit dedicated to the Tubb production. See Exhibit "4"
- (11) Without waiting for the 20-day notice period to expire or determine that Texland and OXY received notice and had signed written waivers, on December 12, 2002, the Division entered Administrative Order DHC-3086 approving Saga's DHC application despite the fact that Saga, violated OCD rules by failing to provide Texland and OXY with a copy of this application and an opportunity to object. See Administrative Order DHC-3086, dated December 12, 2002 attached as Exhibit "5"
- (13) On December 13, 2002, Mr. Will Jones, OCD-Santa Fe, advised Bonnie Husband of Saga, that Saga needed to file an unorthodox well location ("NSL") application for the Conoco State Well No. 3. See Exhibit "6" attached
- (14) Then by letter dated December 18, 2002, Saga advised the OCD-Santa Fe that both the Drinkard and Tubb were gas reservoirs and requested to "co-mingle gas production from the two reservoirs." See Exhibit "7"
- (15) Then apparently by an unorthodox well location application, dated December 18, 2002, Saga filed a C-l02, dated December 19, 2002, dedicating a standard 160-acre spacing unit, consisting of the SE/4 of this section for production from the Tubb formation and a C-102 dedicating a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing unit consisting of the SW/4NE/4 and the NW/4SE/4 of this section for production from the Drinkard formation both for the Conoco State Well No. 3. See Exhibit "8"

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- (16) By letter dated December 27, 2002 Mr. Michael E. Stogner, OCD-Santa Fe, the OCD petroleum engineer, in charge of process unorthodox well location applications, advised Saga that its December 18, 2002 application for an NSL was insufficient and incomplete as of December 27, 2002. See Exhibit "9" attached.
- (17) Thereafter, approximately 17 letters and e-mails were exchanged between Mr. Stogner and Ms. Husband, including an attempt by Saga to exclude Texland, again without notice, by altering its original Drinkard 80acres dedication from the N/2SE/4 of Section 33 to an non-standard 80-acre spacing unit consisting of the SW/4NE/4 and NW/4SE/4 of Section 33.
- (18) By letter dated January 8, 2003, Mr. Stogner, OCD-Santa Fe, confirmed that Saga was altering the Drinkard dedication to the W/2SE/4 of Section 33. See Exhibit "10" attached
- (19) By e-mail (See Exhibit 11 attached) Ms. Husband transmitted to Mr. Stogner an attempt by Saga to exclude Texland and OXY from the Tubb spacing unit by altering the dedication from a standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 of Section 33 to a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2SW/4 and the W/2SE/4 of Section 33. See Exhibit "12" attached and from the Drinkard spacing unit by altering the dedication from a standard 80-acre spacing unit consisting of the N/2SE/4 of Section 33. See Exhibit at a non-standard 80-acre spacing unit consisting of the SW/4NE/4 and the NW/4SE/4 of Section 33. See Exhibit "13" attached.
- (20) By letter dated January 14, 2003, Ms. Husband for Saga, advised Mr. Stogner that she had notified five of the offsetting operators in all three 160-acre acres that were affected by this NSL application. See Exhibit "14"
- (21) In an apparent attempt to avoid paying Texland its rightful share of production from the Tubb formations, Saga without the approval of the Division or the consent of Texland, filed two amended C-102; one dated 1/08/03, for the Tubb production dedicated to a non-standard spacing unit consisting of the W/2SE/4 and the E/2SW/4, and one dated 10/20/03, for the Drinkard production dedication of the W/2SE/4 being a standard spacing unit with a different orientation.

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- (22) By letter dated January 17, 2003, Mr. Stogner advised Ms. Husband that her belated notification was insufficient because there were no producing Tubb gas wells in the NW/4, SW/4 or NE/4 of Section 33 and therefore she must notify the working interest owners in these 3 160-acre tracts. See Exhibit "15" attached
- (23) At no time, did Saga ever notify either Texland or OXY that Saga intended to delete them from the Tubb or Drinkard spacing units or to downhole commingle that production.
- (24) On April 23, 2003, the Division issued Administrative Order NSL-4866 approving Saga's application for an unorthodox well location for the Tubb production from this well. See Exhibit "16" attached.
- (25) About October 23, 2003, Saga again filed with the Division conflicting C-102:
 - a. C-102 for a non-standard 160-acre Tubb gas spacing unit consisting of the E/2SW/4 and the W/2SE/4 of Section 33. Attached as Exhibit "17"
 - b. C-l02 for a standard 80-acred Drinkard spacing unit consisting of the W/2SE/4 of Section 33. Attached as Exhibit "19"
- (26) Effective April 1, 2004, Latigo became the operator of this well and these spacing units.
- (27) Based upon these filings by Saga, Texland, with 100% of the working interest in the NE/4SE/4, was entitled to 25 percent of the production from the Tubb and 50 percent of the production from the Drinkard formation.
- (28) Saga filings are contrary to the Division's letter dated December 27, 2002. See Exhibit 9.

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- (29) Assuming that the Order R-4166 approving a non-standard Drinkard 80-acre spacing unit consisting of the SW/4NE/4 and NW/4SE/4 of this section is still in effect this create a conflict with OXY's Drinkard 80-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2SE/4 of this section for production from the State "HF" Com Well No 1. (API 30-025-26368).
- (30) About January 2005, Texland, based upon those assumptions, contract its predecessor in interest for the NE/4SE/4, ChevronTexaco, for an accounting and payment of proceeds received from OXY for Drinkard production from the State "HF" Com Well No. 1 to which ChevronTexaco and now Texland is entitled.
- (31) Latigo Petroleum, Inc.'s ("Latigo") predecessor, Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. ("Saga"), has violated the rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") by failing to dedicate the proper oil and gas spacing and proration unit for production from the Conoco State Well No. 3.
- (32) Latigo is the current designated operator for this well and has acquired Saga's interest in this well and therefore is the responsible party.
- (33) As a result of Saga's violation of Division's rules, Saga and now Latigo has improperly failed to pay Texland for its sharing of Tubb production from this well. Texland believes that it will be able to resolve its Drinkard share with OXY.
- (34) Commencing in November 2004 and continuing until this case was filed, Texland made repeated effort to resolve this matter with Latigo but has been unable to reach a voluntary agreement and now seeks to have the Division issue a compulsory pooling order naming Texland as operator and removing Latigo.
- (35) Saga and now Latigo has knowingly and willfully evaded or violated the Oil & Gas Act including the Division rules by failing to provide an accounting and proper payment to Texland for its share of production dedication to the SE/4 for the Tubb and then manipulating those spacing units dedication in an attempt to exclude Texland from receiving its rights share of production from the Conoco State Well No. 3.

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- (36) Texland alleges that Latigo's conduct in this matter should cause the Division to remove Latigo as operator and to issue a compulsory pooling order, including the designation of Texland as the operator.
- (37) Texland request that its original application currently set for hearing on May 19, 2005, be continued and re-advertised as this First Amended Application to be heard on June 2, 2005.
- (38) In accordance with the Division's notice requirements, a copy of this First Amended Application has been sent to those affected parties, including counsel, as listed on Exhibit 19 notifying each of this case and of the applicant's request for hearing of this matter before the Division on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for June 2, 2004.

WHEREFORE, Texland request that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division take appropriate action including the following:

- Issue Compliance Order against Latigo Petroleum, Inc. ("Latigo") including imposing appropriate fines for violations of the Gas and Gas Act. Section 70-2-31 NMSA 1978;
- (2) Issue an order to void and revoke Administrative Order DHC-3086:
- Require Latigo to immediately shut-in its Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35961) located in Unit J of Section 33, T18S, R38E, Lea County New Mexico until such time as: (i) a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 of this section, is dedicated to this well in the Tubb formation, Hobbs-Tubb Gas Pool, (ii) the production proceeds from this well in the Tubb and Drinkard formations are reallocated and paid to the owners in these spacing units from the date of first production, (iii) paid the fines for violations of the Oil and Gas Act Section 70-2-31 NMSA 1978.

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- (4) Issue a compulsory pooling order pooling the SE/4 of this section for Tubb production from the Conoco State Well No. 3, including the designation of Texland as the operator and to removal of Latigo;
- (5) And for such other relief as the Division deems appropriate.

FULLY SUBMITTED RESPECT HOMAS KELLLAHIN KELLAHIN & KELLAHIN P. O. Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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EXHIBIT "19" NOTICE LIST

James Bruce, Esq. P. O. Box 1056 Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504 505-982-2151 (fx)

Latigo Petroleum, Inc. 550 West Texas, Suite 700 Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: William Chatham

Saga Petroleum 200 North Loraine, Suite 1300 Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Mark Caldwell

OXY USA INC. P. O. Box 27570 Houston, Texas 77227-7570 Attn: J. C. Stautberg Attn: Rick Foppiano

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INSTRUCTIONS

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LITHOLOGY RECORD (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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ADDITIONAL DATA

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Are all working, royalty and overriding royalty interests identical in all commingling zones? If not, have all working royalty and overriding royalty interest owners been notified by certified mail?	Yes X Yes	No No
Are all produced fluids from all commingling zones compatible with each other?	Yes_X_	No_
Will commingling decrease the value of production?	Yes	No

If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, has either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management been notified in writing of this application?

NMOCD Reference Case No. applicable to this well:

Attachments:

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- C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication. Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.

Prod - New zone

Date: 12/08/2001

Oil

70 %

Rates: 402 MCFGPD

Gas

54 %

Data to support allocation method or formula.

Notification list of working, royalty and overriding royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.

Any additional statements, data or documents required to support commingling.

Pre-Approved Pools

TITLE Production Analyst

If application is to establish Pre-Approved Pools, the following additional information will be required:

List of other orders approving downhole commingling within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools List of all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools Proof that all operators within the proposed Pre-Approved Pools were provided notice of this application. Bottomhole pressure data

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

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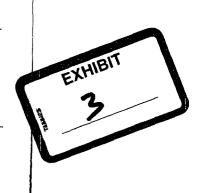
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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-3086

Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 415 W. Wall Suite 1900 Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Ms. Bonnie Husband

Conoco State Well No. 3 API No. 30-025-35961 Unit J, Section 33, Township 18 South, Range38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Wildcat-Tubb (Gas – N/A) and Hobbs-Drinkard (Oil – 31730)

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Dear Ms. Husband:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303.A. of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the above described well to commingle production from the subject pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303.C., and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 303.C.(1), each of the commingled oil pools shall be allowed to produce up to the top oil allowable and top casing head gas allowable applicable for that pool.

Assignment of allowable and allocation of production from the well shall be on the following basis:

Oil-70%	Gas-54%
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Administrative Order DHC-3086 Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. December 12, 2002 Page 2

Pursuant to Rule 303.C.(2), the commingling authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Division Director if conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 12th day of December 2002.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs / State Land Office-Oil & Gas Division

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MEMORANDUM

December 18, 2002

OCD 1220S St. Francis Dr Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Attn. Will Jones

REFERENCE TO:

Completion of Saga Petroleum Conoco State No. 3 well From Tubb and Drinkard perforations

DISCUSSION:

Saga Petroleum originally proposed to complete the Conoco State No. 3 as a Drinkard Blinebry dual completion, anticipating both zones to be oil productive. Production testing of Drinkard perforations has shown the formation to be a gas reservoir. Current Tubb perforations have indicated this reservoir to be a gas producer as well. The Tubb and Drinkard reservoirs appear to be compatible. This is the basis for our request to co-mingle gas production from the two reservoirs.

Yours truly

Lorin J. Rulla Chief Geologist



MS pKRV0235835106 NSL 1/12/03 Kathy please los this appli in as an NSL

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December 18, 2002

Mr. Will Jones **Oil Conservation Division** 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

PETROLEUM

Conoco State #3 Well Re: 2110' FSL & 2055' FEL Sec. 33 (J) T18S, R38E Lea County, NM API No. 30-025-35961

Gentlemen:

Saga originally filed an application to drill the referenced well and complete as a dual and/or DHC Drinkard - Blinebry well. After drilling to TD of 7025', the Drinkard was perforated from 6806'-6933', treated and flow tested for approximately 30 days. Production testing of the Drinkard perforations showed the reservoir to be gas, not oil. Subsequently the Tubb was perforated from 6406'-6573', treated and flowed tested after a pkr was set at 6573'. Saga has flow tested the Tubb perfs for about 30 days and results indicate the reservoir to be gas also. The Tubb and Drinkard reservoirs appear to be compatible; therefore Saga has requested a permit for DHC of the Drinkard and Tubb pools. OCD has indicated that the Tubb pool is a NSL, we respectfully request approval³ of the DHC permit and NSL of the referenced well?

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

SAGA PETROLEUM LLC

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Bonnie Husband **Production Analyst**



Office: (915) 684-4293 Fax (915) 684-0829

Enclosures

415 W. Wall, Ste 1900 Midland, TX 79701



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

GARY E. JOHNSON Governor BETTY RIVERA Cabinet Secretary December 27, 2002

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Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 415 West Wall – Suite 1900 Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Bonnie Husband

Re: Administrative application for Saga Petroleum L.L.C.'s ("Saga") recently drilled and completed Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35961) at an unorthodox Tubb wildcat gas well location within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, being a standard shallow gas spacing unit in accordance with Division Rule 104.C (3), 2110 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33.

Dear Ms. Husband:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the above-described administrative application dated December 18, 2002. The Division received this application on December 23, 2002, and assigned it NMOCD Administrative application reference No. pKRV0-235835106. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the Division.

My preliminary review indicates that the information provided in your application: (i) is not sufficient to process an administrative order at this time with respect to the Tubb interval; and (ii) needs verification with respect to this well's completion within the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool (31730).

TUBB GAS COMPLETION:

It appears that your application is incomplete with respect to notice as required by Division Rule 1207.A (2) (see copy attached). Since this location encroaches the NE/4, NW/4, and SW/4 [see Rule 1207.A (2) (b)] the affected parties in all three 160-acre areas are to be notified. Please provide a land plat and a listing of all such parties clearly identified and proof of notice as required by Division Rule 104.F (4).

Since the submitted information is insufficient to review, the application was ruled as incomplete on December 27, 2002. Please submit the above stated information by Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3471, or mailed to the Division in Santa Fe. If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you.

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HOBBS-DRINKARD-POOL:

Further my records indicate that within the E/2 of Section 33 the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool is developed in the following manner:

(i) the N/2 NE/4, being a standard 80-acre lay-down oil spacing and proration unit, was simultaneously dedicated to Texland Petroleum-Hobbs, L.L.C.'s ("Texland"): (i) W. D. Grimes (NCT-B) Well No. 7 (API No. 30-025-23438), located at an unorthodox oil well location (approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-458, dated February 2, 1970) 450 feet from the North line and 2160 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 33; and (ii) W. D. Grimes (NCT-B) Well No. 9 (API No. 30-025-28299), located at a standard oil well location 510 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 33, neither well is currently producing from the Drinkard interval;

(ii) the SE/4 NE/4, being a non-standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1454 on May 7, 1985, is currently dedicated to Texland's W. D. Grimes (NCT-B) Well No. 8 (API No. 30-025-24928), located at a standard oil well location 2115 feet from the North line and 600 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 33;

(iii) the SW/4 SE/4, being a non-standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-874 on March 29, 1972, is of course currently dedicated to Saga's Conoco "A" State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-24005), located at a standard oil well location 688 feet from the South line and 2111 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 33;

(iv) the E/2 SE/4, being a standard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit, is currently dedicated to Occidental Permian Limited Partnership's State "HF" Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-26368), located at a standard oil well location 610 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 33; and

(v) the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4, being a non-standard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit approved by Division Order No. R-4166, issued in Case No. 4564 on July 7, 1971, is of course currently dedicated to Saga's Conoco State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-23759), located at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the North line and 2130 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 33.

Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. December 27, 2002 Page 3

cc:

The information you provided in the immediate application and for the application filed on December 12, 2002 for authorization to downhole commingle Tubb gas and Drinkard oil production from the subject Conoco State Well No. 3, which resulted in the issuance of Division Administrative Order DHC-3086, dated December 12, 2002, and the well records for this well in the Santa Fe and Hobbs OCD offices indicate the dedicated acreage for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool in this well to be a standard 80-acre lay-down oil spacing and proration unit comprising the N/2 SE/4 of Section 33 (see copy attached). This of course is erroneous since a portion of this acreage (the NE/4 SE/4, or Unit "T" of Section 33) overlaps the acreage currently dedicated to Occidental Permian Limited Partnership's State "HF" Com. Well No. 1 and needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

Please submit an amended C-102 to the Hobbs district office of the Division that shows this well to be an infill Drinkard oil well to Saga's Conoco State Well No. 1 within the existing nonstandard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit that comprises the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of Section 33. Please provide me two copies of this amended C-102.

Please submit the above stated information to both the Hobbs office and to me by Tuesday, January 7, 2003, otherwise Division Administrative Order DHC-3086 will be rescinded and the immediate request for an unorthodox Tubb gas well location will be denied and returned.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until this required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3471, or mailed to the Division in Santa Fe.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter you will first want to contact your legal counsel, Mr. William F. Carr in Santa Fe at (505) 988-4421, or you may contact me in Santa Fe at (505) 476-3465 or e-mail me at "*mstogner@state.nm.us*." Thank you.

Sincerely

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe William F. Carr, Legal Counsel for Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. – Santa Fe Wil Jones, NMOCD – Santa Fe File: DHC-3086



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 8, 2003

Telefax No. (915) 684-4285

Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 415 West Wall – Suite 1900 Midland, Texas 79701 Attention: Bonnie Husband hhusband@sagapetroleum.com

> RE: NMOCD Correspondence Reference No. SD-03-01: Hobbs-Drinkard Pool (31730) development within the existing non-standard 80-acre standup oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) and NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Husband:

Reference is made to the following: (i) the file on Division Administrative Order DHC-3086, dated December 12, 2002 (application reference No. pKRV0-234656309); (ii) Saga Petroleum, L.L.C.'s ("Saga") administrative application filed on December 23, 2002 (application reference No. pKRV0-235835106) for an unorthodox wildcat Tubb gas well location for the existing Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35961), located in Unit "J" of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; (iii) my letter to you concerning this well and these two applications dated December 27, 2002; (iv) your telefaxed response of January 8, 2003 with a copy of the amended Division form C-102 depicting the 80 acres comprising the SW/4 NE/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of Section 33 as the dedicated acreage for this well in the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool, all of which serve to confirm Saga's plans for the development of the Drinkard formation within the above-described 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit, which was approved by Division Order No. R-4166, issued in Case No. 4564 on July 7, 1971. For administrative and record keeping purposes this matter I will be assigned application reference No. pMES0-300859887.

The rules currently governing spacing, well locations, gas/oil ratio limitation, and allowables for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool include, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3811, as amended; and
- (b) Division Rules 104 and 505.A.

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It is our understanding that oil and casinghead gas production attributed to the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool within this non-standard 80-acre unit is to be simultaneously dedicated to the following two wells:

(1) the existing Conoco State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-23759), located at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the North line and 2130 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 33; and

(2) the aforementioned Conoco State Well No. 3 located at a standard infill oil well location 2110 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33.

Furthermore, the provisions set forth in Division Administrative Order DHC-3086 shall remain in full force and affect until further notice.

Sincerely Jul

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe William F. Carr, Legal Counsel for Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. – Santa Fe Wil Jones, NMOCD – Santa Fe File: DHC-3086

To: Michael Stogner

Via facsimile 505/476-3462

Date: Jan 8, 2003

FROM: Bonnie Husband - Saga Petroleum

SUBJECT: No. pKRVO-235835106

Amended C-102 (Hobbs Drinkard Pool acreage dedication) -2-facsimile copies - hard copy will be mailed with other information requested in your letter of December 27, 2002.

Amended C-102 mailed to Hobbs OCD office this date.



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January 14, 2003

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe. NM 87505

Re: <u>NSL</u>-Wildcat-Tubb Pool Conoce State No 3 Well 2110' FSL & 2055' FEL Sec. 33 (J) T18S, R38E Lea County, NM API No. 30-025-35961

Dear Mr. Stogner:

An application to drill the referenced well and complete as a dual and/or DHC Drinkard – Blinebry well was filed in July 2002. After drilling to TD of 7025', the Drinkard was perforated from 6806'-6933', treated and flow tested for approximately 30 days. Production testing of the Drinkard perforations showed the reservoir to be gas, not oil. Subsequently the Tubb was perforated from 6406'-6573', treated and flow tested after a packer was set at 6573'. Saga has flow tested the Tubb perfs for more than 30-days and results indicate the reservoir to be gas also. Copies of potential test/completion forms for both pools are enclosed. The Tubb and Drinkard reservoirs appear to be compatible, therefore Saga requested a permit for DHC of the Drinkard and Tubb pools. OCD notified Saga that this Tubb completion/location encroaches the NE/4, NW/4 and SW/4 of Section 33 and the affected parties in all three 160-acre areas were notified of Saga's request for a NSL approval. See enclosed offset operator list and copy of letter to same.

Saga respectfully requests approval of its NSL Tubb completion of the referenced well. Please contact the undersigned if any additional information is required to process this application.

Yours very truly,

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Bonnie Husband Production Analyst



Office: (915) 684-4293 Fax (915) 684-0829

Enclosures

415 W. Wall, Ste 1900 Midland, TX 79701 The attached letter mailed to offset operators on Jan 8 & 9, 2003 at the following addresses

Apache Two Warren Place 6120 South Yale, Suite 1500 Tulsa, OK 74136 Attn: John Swain

Steven Burleson P O Box 2479 Midland, TX 79702

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Brothers Production Co 303 W. Wall, Suite 1600 Midland, tX 79701

Texland Petroleum 777 Main St, Suite 3200 Ft. Worth, TX 76102 Attn: Jim Wilkes

Oxy Permian P O Box 4294 Houston, TX 77210 Attn: Eden Settegast via Certified 7002 0460 0002 0055 6548

Called Oxy Permian Midland & received info that all wells listed as operated by BP America & Altura go to Oxy Permian Houston

Judy @ Collins & Ware says State A #4 sold to Apache



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 17, 2003

Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 415 West Wall – Suite 1900 Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Bonnie Husband

Re: Administrative application (NMOCD Administrative application reference No. pKRV0-235835106) for Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 's ("Saga") recently drilled and completed Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35961) at an unorthodox Tubb wildcat gas well location within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, being a standard shallow gas spacing unit in accordance with Division Rule 104.C (3), 2110 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33.

Dear Ms. Husband:

I am in receipt of your January 14, 2003 correspondence concerning Saga's belated notification in this matter. In your cover letter you stated that, "the affected parties in all three 160-acre areas (offsetting 160-acre gas spacing units that comprise the NE/4, NW/4, and SW/4 of Section 33) were notified of Saga's request for a NSL approval." The next sentence states "see enclosed offset **operator** list and copy of letter to same." In reviewing the information that you attached and the Division's records here in Santa Fe I find that:

(a) within the NW/4 of Section 33 OXY Permian Ltd. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Grayburg San Andres Pool, Hobbs-Drinkard Pool, Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool, Hobbs-Paddock Pool, and Hobbs-Lower Blinebry Pool;

(b) within the NE/4 of Section 33: (i) OXY Permian, Ltd. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Grayburg San Andres Pool; (ii) Texland Petroleum, Inc. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool and Hobbs-Drinkard Pool; and (iii) Saga Petroleum L.L.C. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool and Hobbs-Drinkard Pool; and

(c) within the SW/4 of Section 33: (i) OXY Permian, Ltd. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Grayburg San Andres Pool; (ii) Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool and Hobbs-Drinkard Pool; and (iii) Brothers Production Company, Inc. operates wells completed in the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool.

Oil Conservation Division * 1220 South St. Francis Drive * Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Phone: (505) 476-3440 * Fax (505) 476-3462 * <u>http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us</u> Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. January 17, 2003 Page 2

Nowhere however can I find where there is a producing Tubb well within any of these three quarter sections; therefore, under Division Rule 1207.A (2) (a). 1 (see copy attached) there is no **designated operator** within these adjoining 160-acre gas spacing units. This means that Division Rules 1207.A (2) (a). 2 and 3 apply. Please identify and list all working interest in the Tubb interval within these three 160-acre areas (NE/4, NW/4, and SW/4 of Section 33).

Since the submitted information is insufficient to review, the application was still ruled incomplete on January 17, 2003. Please submit the above stated information by Monday, January 27, 2003. If applicable please provide proof of any additional notice.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will once again continue to process your application. The additional information can be faxed to (505) 476-3471, or mailed to the Division in Santa Fe. If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you and Saga will be required to shut-in the Conoco State Well No. 3.

Again, should you have any questions concerning this matter you will first want to contact your legal counsel, Mr. William F. Carr in Santa Fe at (505) 988-4421. Thank you.

Sincerely.

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs
 New Mexico State Land Office – Santa Fe
 William F. Carr, Legal Counsel for Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. – Santa Fe
 Wil Jones, NMOCD – Santa Fe



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April 23, 2003

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Saga Petroleum L.L.C. 415 West Wall – Suite 1900 Midland, Texas 79701 Attention: Bonnie Husband <u>bhusband@sagapetroleum.com</u>

Telefax No. (915) 684-4285

Administrative Order NSL-4866

Dear Ms. Husband:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on December 23, 2002 (administrative application reference No. pKRV0-235835106); (ii) the Division's various correspondences to you regarding this application form Mr. Michael E. Stogner, Engineer with the Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico, by letter or e-mail dated December 27, 2002, January 8, 14, 17, 28, and 31, and April 17, 2003; (iii) your responses or inquiries concerning this application by mailing, telefax, or e-mail dated January 8, 14, 21, 24, and 31, February 11, 12, and 18, March 3, and April 15, 2003; (iv) the Division's records in Santa Fe and Hobbs, including the files on Division Administrative Order DHC-3086, dated December 12, 2002, NMOCD Correspondence Reference No. SD-03-01, dated January 8, 2003, and Division Order No. R-4166, issued in Case No. 4564 on July 7, 1971: all concerning Saga Petroleum L.L.C.'s ("Saga") request for a non-standard wildcat Tubb gas well location for its existing Conoco State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-35960), located 2110 feet from the South line and 2055 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

In accordance with Division Rule 104.C (3), revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, the SE/4 of Section 33, being a standard 160-acre shallow gas spacing unit, is to be dedicated to this well.

It is our understanding that this well was initially drilled to a total depth of 7,025 feet in September, 2002 for the Drinkard and Blinebry formations; however, gas was encountered in the Tubb formation. This location was considered to be standard within the: (i) Hobbs-Drinkard Pool (31730), pursuant to Rule 4 of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3811, as amended, within a previously approved non-standard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) and NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 33; and (ii) Hobbs-Upper Blinebry Pool (31680) within a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 33.

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This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, as revised.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the abovedescribed unorthodox Tubb gas well location for the Conoco State Well No. 3 is hereby approved.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe File: Administrative Order DHC-3086 SD-03-01

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