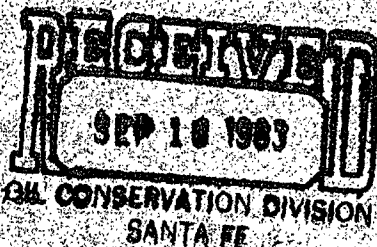



MURPHY
OIL CORPORATION

PRODUCTION AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT

200 JEFFERSON AVENUE
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September 13, 1983

Tenneco Oil Company
P. O. Box 3249
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Case 7971

Attention Mr. C. Jeffrey Elliott

Re: Application for Compulsory Pooling
covering E/2 Section 2-30N-9W
San Juan County, New Mexico
submitted by Tenneco Oil Company

Gentlemen:

We submit herein our comments regarding the above. Murphy Oil Corporation does not own an interest in the lands described in said application. However, if this application is intended to cover drilling the proposed Blanco Com #1 "1A" well in the SE/4 of Section 2-30N-11W, San Juan County, New Mexico, for which we have been furnished an Operating Agreement, Communitization Agreement, and an AFE with all such documents setting out the aforementioned location, then we have the following comments.

First, in 1980 Tenneco Oil Company proposed drilling the Williams Com #1, later changed to the Blanco Com #1 "1A" well at a location in the SE/4 of Section 2-30N-11W. Murphy Oil Corporation approved drilling said well in August 1980, but said well was never drilled.

Second, in 1982 Tenneco Oil Company again proposed drilling the Blanco Com #1 "1A" well at a location in the SE/4 of Section 2-30N-11W. Murphy Oil Corporation again approved drilling the well, but again, said well was never drilled.

Now, Tenneco Oil Company again proposes drilling the same well in the same location with the spud date to be on or before December 31, 1983. We are presently circulating the appropriate documents regarding said well to our various departments for review and approval.



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As I told Mr. C. Jeffrey Elliott in our telephone conversation last week, we will try to have an answer as to our participation in the subject well on or before September 28, 1983. In light of the cooperation we have given this matter in the past, we request your cooperation and consideration at present.

Yours very truly,

James L. Hunt
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JLH/chc

cc: State of New Mexico
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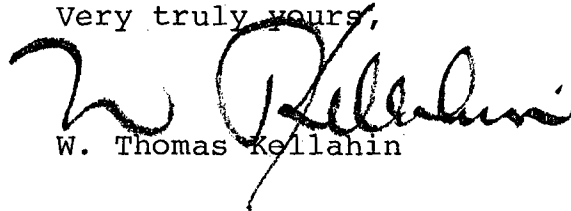
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Dear Mr. Ramey:

Please set the enclosed application for hearing at
the next available examiner docket now set for
September 28, 1983.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK:ca

Enc.

cc: Jeff Elliott (TCO-Denver) w/enc.
Depco Inc. w/enc.
Murphy Oil Corporation w/enc.