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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

# Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement, filed on behalf of Chi Energy, Inc. Please set this matter for the December 18, 2003 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

The advertisement is also on the enclosed disk.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Chi Energy, Inc.

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Conservation Division APPLICATION OF CHI ENERGY, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. \_ 13193

# APPLICATION

Chi Energy, Inc. applies for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S% of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- Applicant is a working interest owner in the S% of Section 3, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its West Carlsbad 3 Well No. 2, at an orthodox location in the SW\%SW\% of Section 3, to test the Morrow formation, and seeks to dedicate the following acreage to the well:
  - The SW¼ of Section 3 to form a standard 160 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160 acre spacing within that vertical extent; and
  - The S% of Section 3 to form a standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the S% of

Section 3 for the purposes set forth herein.

- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the S% of Section 3, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.
- 5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the S% of Section 3, as set forth above, will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interests in the S% of Section 3 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation;
- B. Designating Chi Operating, Inc. as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a charge of cost plus 200% for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case  $\sqrt{3}/9$ : Application of Chi Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, and in the following The S% to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and manner: proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool; and the SW% to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's West Carlsbad 3 Well No. 2, to be located at an orthodox location in the SW%SW% of Section 3. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Chi Operating, Inc. as operator of the well, and a cost plus 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 3 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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