- 1 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: At this point I will
- 2 call Case Number 14622. This is the application of Nadel
- 3 and Gussman Permian, LLC, for approval of a Unit
- 4 Agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Call for
- 5 appearances.
- 6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
- 7 Santa Fe, representing the applicant. I have no
- 8 witnesses.
- 9 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Any other appearances?
- You may proceed. You want to proceed by
- 11 affidavit?
- MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir.
- EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Go ahead.
- 14 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I've handed you
- 15 some exhibits. Exhibit 1 is the affidavit of Doug
- 16 Laufer, who's a landman. This case involves formation of
- 17 the proposed South Tobac Unit Area which comprises 1,280
- 18 acres of stand lands in Chaves County. The lands are in
- 19 8 South, 33 East, and the unit is comprised of the west
- 20 half of 28, all of 29, and the east half of 30. Nadel
- 21 and Gussman Permian is the designated operator.
- 22 Attached to his affidavit is the proposed Unit
- 23 Agreement as Attachment 1. That is, of course, the form
- 24 mandated by the Commissioner of Public Lands.
- Exhibit A to the Unit Agreement is a land plat

- 1 showing the tracts involved, and Exhibit B is the
- 2 schedule of ownership.
- 3 Attachment 2 to the affidavit is the letter of
- 4 preliminary approval from the Commissioner of Public
- 5 Lands, and Attachment 3 is an AFE for the initial unit
- 6 well.
- 7 Upon final approval by the Commissioner, 100
- 8 percent of the royalty interest and 100 percent of the
- 9 overriding royalty interest will be committed to the
- 10 unit. And at this point, 71.875 percent of the working
- 11 interest is committed.
- 12 The initial well will be in the northwest
- 13 quarter/northwest quarter of Section 29 and will test the
- 14 San Andres Formation. And the initial well cost is just
- 15 short of a million dollars.
- 16 Exhibit 2 is the Operating Agreement for the
- 17 Unit Agreement. Exhibit 3 is the affidavit of David
- 18 Andrews, who's a geologist. And there is a write-up and
- 19 attachment, together with several geological exhibits.
- 20 As I said, the target formation is the San Andres, and
- 21 the unit is formed based on porosity pinchout to the
- 22 west, north and east of the unit acreage.
- The unit is formed based on a well that Nadel
- 24 and Gussman drilled on offsetting acreage. Last year
- 25 they drilled a well that has been static in production at

- 1 30 to 35 barrels per day. And since there is virtually a
- 2 flat decline curve, they believe there are additional
- 3 resources to recover in the unit area.
- 4 As the landman and the engineer or the
- 5 geologist state in their affidavits, the formation of the
- 6 unit is in the interest of conservation and the
- 7 prevention of waste.
- 8 And with that, I move the admission of Nadel
- 9 and Gussman Exhibits 1 through 3.
- 10 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Exhibits 1, 2 and 3
- 11 will be admitted.
- Do you have any questions?
- 13 (Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were admitted.)
- 14 EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.
- 15 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Are you talking about
- 16 the participation ratios? You represent the royalty
- 17 interest was 1.7 percent of the working interest?
- 18 MR. BRUCE: At this time it's 71.87.
- 19 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Now you are quite
- 20 confident about the percentage; right?
- 21 MR. BRUCE: Acutally, there's nothing in
- 22 the Commissioner's regulations. They like to see about
- 23 75 percent approval. And I do not have all of the
- 24 signatures and ratifications. I will submit those after
- 25 the hearing. But they believe they'll get close to 100