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Mr. Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re:

Application of Southland Royalty Company to Re-Instate Order R-10054 which Approved a Waterflood Project for the State "DS" Leasehold and Qualified Said Project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate Pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act," Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Southland Royalty Company, please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for March 16, 1995.

By copy of this letter and application, sent certified mail, we are notifying all interested parties within a 1/2 mile radius of the subject injection well of their right to appear at the hearing and participate in this case, including the right to present evidence either in support of or in opposition to the application and that failure to appear at the hearing may preclude them from any involvement in this case at a later date.

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Pursuant to the Division's Memorandum 2-90, all parties are hereby informed that if they appear in this case, then they are requested to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Division not later than 4:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 1995, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

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cc: Southland Royalty Company and **By Certified Mail - Return Receipt** 

All Parties Listed on Form C-108

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## PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

CASE 1217 Application of Southland Royalty Company to re-instate Division Order R-10054, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to re-instate Order R-10054 which approved the State "DS" Leasehold Waterflood Project by injection of water into the San Andres formation, Spencer-San Andres Pool, in a new project area consisting of 280 acres, more or less and being SW/4, W/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 of Section 24, T17S, R36E, and qualified this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest from Humble City, New Mexico.

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT **OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHLAND ROYALTY COMPANY TO RE-INSTATE ORDER R-10054 WHICH APPROVED A WATERFLOOD Oil Conservation Division PROJECT WITHIN ITS STATE "DS" LEASE AND **QUALIFIED SAID PROJECT FOR THE RECOVERED** OIL TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE "NEW MEXICO ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT." LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO\_11217

# APPLICATION

Comes now SOUTHLAND ROYALTY COMPANY, by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and seeks to re-instate Order R-10054 which authorized Southland Royalty Company (pursuant to the New Mexico " Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" and Division Rule 701) to institute a waterflood project within its State "DS" Lease by the injection of water into the San Andres formation of the Spencer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico and qualified said project for the recovered oil tax rate for enhanced oil recovery and in support states:

(1) Southland Royalty Company ("Southland") is the current operator of the State "DS" Leasehold Waterflood Project, Spencer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico ("proposed EOR Project") which is a new project consisting of SW/4, W/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 Section 24 of T17S, R36E, NMPM and described on Exhibit "A" attached.

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- (2) On January 6, 1994, the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico ("NMOCD") held an evidentiary hearing on Southland's application in Case 10891 which sought to institute a waterflood project within its State "DS" Lease by the injection of water into the San Andres formation of the Spencer San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico and to qualify said project for the recovered oil tax rate for enhanced oil recovery.
- (3) At the hearing Southland presented evidence which, among other things, established that:
  - (a) within the project area, the working interests and royalty owners have voluntarily agreed upon a waterflood plan the objective of which is to successfully recover an estimated additional 500,000 barrels of oil from the Spencer-San Andres Pool.
  - (b) the remaining oil potential from the pool within the Project area will not be recovered in the absence of waterflood operations on a project basis.
  - (c) to that date, cumulative primary oil recovery from the Project has been 778,718 barrels.
  - (d) the Project is currently producing at a rate of 20 BOPD and 215 BWPD from 1 active producer. Approximately 36,000 barrels of recoverable reserves remain under the current primary mode of operations.
  - (e) the project area will be developed on a peripheral injection pattern involving one injection well and 4 producers.
- (7) On January 6, 1994, the NMOCD entered Order R-10891 which approved Southland's application. See Exhibit "B" attached.

# (8) Order R-10054 also provided:

"(20) The injection authority granted herein for the proposed injection well should terminate one year after the date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operation into the subject well by that date, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown."

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- (9) But as a result of reassigning budgeting priorities, Southland did not commence injection prior to January 6, 1995, and further, as a result of changes in personnel, failed to apply for an extension of the order prior to its termination.
- (10) Therefore, Southland now seeks to have the expired order re-instated and a new one year commencement period adopted for this project.
- (11) Southland has reviewed all of the past information filed with the Division upon which previous approval was obtained and states that there have been no material changes of facts which would now adversely affect approving this project or which would alter any of the basis for the Division's approval.
- (12) Notification of this case has been sent to all those parties originally notified in the original proceedings.

Wherefore, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing and that after said hearing, the Division enter its order approving this application.

Respectfully submitted

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# State DS No. 4 Unit L, Sec. 24, T17S, R36E Lea County, New Mexico Southland Royalty Company

The following Offset Operators, Surface Owners and Mineral Interest Owners within open areas, within a one-half mile radius

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Yates Petroleum Corp. 105 South 4th Street Artesia. NM 88210

Ken McPeters P. O. Box 1860 Hobbs. NM 88240

Howell Spears P. O. Box 4246 Guifport, MS 39501

Eibert Damon Shipp & Suzy Laverne Shipp 1104 Ave. J. West Lovington, NM 88260

Cross Timbers Oil Co. L.P. 810 Houston St., Ste. 2000 Fort Worth, TX 76102

#### Surface Owner

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Oxy USA, Inc. P. O. Box 50250 Midland, TX 79710

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