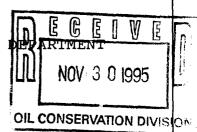
### STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED )
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR )
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING: )

APPLICATION OF MARALO, INC., FOR )
COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX )
OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, )
NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11,428

ORIGINAL

### REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

### EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner

November 16th, 1995

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID R. CATANACH,
Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, November 16th, 1995, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7
for the State of New Mexico.

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### APPEARANCES

### FOR THE APPLICANT:

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P.O. Box 2208
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208
By: PAUL R. OWEN

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WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at 1 2 12:36 p.m.: 3 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll call Case 4 11,428, the Application of Maralo, Inc., for compulsory 5 6 pooling and an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. 7 Are there appearances in this case? MR. OWEN: Yes, there are, Mr. Examiner. 9 My name 10 is Paul R. Owen. I'm with the law firm of Campbell, Carr and Berge in Santa Fe, New Mexico. 11 I'm entering an appearance on behalf of Maralo, 12 13 Incorporated, and I have two witnesses in this matter. 14 EXAMINER CATANACH: Any additional appearances? Okay. Let the record reflect that these two 15 16 witnesses have previously been qualified and sworn in, and 17 will continue to be so. MR. OWEN: Mr. Examiner, I'd like the record to 18 19 reflect that the exhibits in this case are substantially 20 similar except for Exhibit Number 3, which is the AFE for 21 the second proposed well, and I think that our presentation 22 will be significantly expedited by this fact. 23 At this time I'd like to call, again, Mr. Mark Wheeler. 24 25 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay.

### MARK WHEELER, 1 2 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn upon 3 his oath, was examined and testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 BY MR. OWEN: 5 Q. Please state your name and place of residence. 6 7 A. Charles Mark Wheeler, Midland, Texas. 8 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity? 9 Α. Maralo, Incorporated, district landman. 10 Have you previously testified before the Oil Q. 11 Conservation Division and had your credentials as a landman 12 accepted and made a matter of record? Yes, I have. 13 Α. 14 Q. Are you familiar with the Application filed in 15 this case? 16 Α. Yes, I am. 17 Are you familiar with the subject area? Q. 18 Yes. Α. 19 MR. OWEN: Are the witness's qualifications 20 acceptable? 21 EXAMINER CATANACH: Yes, they are. 22 Q. (By Mr. Owen) Would you briefly state what 23 Maralo seeks with this Application? 24 Α. We seek the pooling from the surface to the base 25 of the Wolfcamp formation, underlying the south half,

northeast quarter of Section 20, for formations developed on 80-acre spacing, in Township 13 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- Q. Do you also seek an unorthodox location?
- A. Yes, we do, at a location of 1650 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line.
  - Q. Have you prepared, supervised or directed the preparation of certain exhibits for introduction in this case?
    - A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Let's go to Exhibit Number 1. Is that exhibit substantially similar to the previous exhibit entered in --
  - A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. -- Case Number 11,427?
- A. It is identical, except we have outlined the proposed 80-acre proration unit for this well.
  - Q. Let's go to Exhibit Number 2. Is that exhibit substantially similar to the previous exhibit entered in Case Number 11,427?
    - A. It is identical, yes, sir.
- Q. Let's go to Exhibit Number 3.
- Would you please briefly describe that exhibit and its contents?
- A. This is an AFE prepared for the Lowe "20" Number 25 | 2 well, to a depth of 10,000 feet to test the Wolfcamp

formation.

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- Q. Is the status of the acreage in the south half, northeast quarter of Section 20 -- What is the status of the acreage?
  - A. It's all fee acreage.
- Q. What's the primary objective of the proposed well?
- 8 A. Wolfcamp.
- 9 Q. What percentage of the acreage is voluntarily committed to this well?
- 11 A. 99.0167 percent.
- 12 Q. Is that already committed?
- A. It's expected. We should have the last of the AFEs in within the next week.
- Q. Are there any owners whom you have been unable to locate?
- A. Yes, sir, the same two gentlemen that were involved in the previous case are unlocatable mineral owners in this case also.
- Q. Did you make the same efforts to locate these gentlemen in this case?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. In your effort, have you made a good-faith effort to obtain a voluntary joinder?
- 25 A. Yes, I have.

- On Exhibit Number 3, what are the totals set 1 0. forth on this exhibit? 2 Dryhole cost is \$434,800, and the completed well 3 cost is \$706,400. 4 I note that these totals are lower than the 5 0. 6 totals that you testified to in Case Number 11,427. Why is 7 that? That well was drilled to the Devonian formation, 8 Α. 9 which is 2600 feet deeper than the proposed well here. Are the costs for this well in line with what has 10 11 been charged by other operators in the area for similar wells? 12 13 Α. Yes, they are. 14 Exhibit Number 4 of Maralo, I draw your attention 0. 15 to that exhibit. Is that exhibit substantially the same as was 16 17 entered in Case Number 11,427? 18 Α. Yes, it is. 19 We tried to lease the entire mineral interest 20 under the northeast quarter at the time. 21 I direct your attention to Exhibit Number 5 of Q. 22 Maralo. Is that exhibit substantially the same as the 23 exhibit entered in Case Number 11,427?
  - STEVEN T. BRENNER, CCR

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Yes, sir, except for the case number, it is.

Have you made an estimate of overhead and

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administrative costs while drilling this proposed well and 1 also while producing this well, if it is a successful well? 2 Yes, sir, \$5200 per month during the drilling and 3 \$520 per month during the production phase. 4 Q. Are these costs in line with what is being 5 charged by the operators in the area? 6 7 Yes, they are. Do you recommend that these figures be 8 Q. incorporated into any order that results from this hearing? 9 10 Α. I do. 11 Q. Do you seek to be the designated the operator of the proposed well? 12 13 Α. Yes, we do. Were Exhibits 1 through 5 prepared by you or 14 Q. 15 under your direction and supervision? 16 Α. Yes, they were. 17 MR. OWEN: Mr. Examiner, I ask that Exhibits 18 Number 1 through 5 be entered in this case. 19 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 1 through 5 will be admitted as evidence. 20 21 MR. OWEN: That concludes my examination of this witness. 22 23 EXAMINER CATANACH: And I have no questions. The 24 witness may be excused. 25 MR. OWEN: Next, call Mr. Shane Lough. I'd for

1 the record to reflect that Mr. Lough was previously 2 qualified in Case Number 11,427. 3 SHANE LOUGH, the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn upon 4 5 his oath, was examined and testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION 6 BY MR. OWEN: 7 8 Q. Has Maralo drilled other Wolfcamp wells in the immediate area? 9 10 Yes, we have. 11 Q. Is Exhibit Number 6 in this case substantially similar to Exhibit Number 6 entered in Case Number 11,427? 12 It's exactly the same, with the exception of the 13 proration unit, outlined proration unit shown in red on the 14 15 map being different, being the south half of the northeast 16 quarter. 17 Is Exhibit 7 in this case substantially similar 18 to that entered in Case Number 11,427? 19 It again is identical, with the exception of the Α. 20 south half of the northeast quarter being outlined as our 21 proration unit. 22 Is Exhibit 8 in this case substantially similar 23 to that entered in Case Number 11,427? 24 Α. It is identical. 25 Q. Are you prepared to make a recommendation to the

Examiner as to the risk penalty that should be assessed 1 against the nonconsenting interest owners? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. What is that recommendation? 4 We recommend cost plus 200 percent. 5 Α. Upon what do you base this 200-percent 6 Q. 7 recommendation? We base that on the mechanical risk of drilling 8 Α. 9 the well, as well as the structural and stratigraphic risk of completing the well. 10 11 Q. Do you believe that there's a chance that you could drill a well at the proposed location that would not 12 be a commercial success? 13 14 Α. Yes. In your opinion, will granting this Application 15 Q. be in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of 16 waste and the protection of correlative rights? 17 18 Α. I do. 19 Q. How soon do you plan to spud the initial well? Just as soon as we get approval. We hope to spud 20 Α. the well sometime in late December. 21 22 Were Exhibits 6 through 8 either prepared by you 23 or compiled under your direction and supervision? 24 A. They were.

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MR. OWEN: Mr. Examiner, I ask that Exhibits 6

through 8 be entered into evidence in this case. 1 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 6 through 8 will be 2 admitted as evidence. 3 That concludes my presentation in this MR. OWEN: 4 case, Mr. Examiner. 5 6 EXAMINATION

### BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

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- Q. Mr. Lough, is -- What is the necessity for the unorthodox location for this well?
- The prime reason for our unorthodox location is to position the well in the optimal structural position on the Wolfcamp structure, as we have identified by 3-D seismic.
- Standard location would be further to the south 0. in that proration unit?
  - Α. Yes, sir, it would, that's correct.
- And it's my understanding you're moving toward Q. the higher portion of that structure?
  - Yes, sir, that's correct. Α.

The initial completion, being the Lowe "20" Number 1, found the Wolfcamp structure, but we actually found it on the flank. And the Lowe "20" Number 2, we feel we should position just as high on that structural feature as we can to preclude leaving attic reserves in the structural feature.

How much structural position do you think you 1 Q. would gain at the proposed location? 2 We believe we're going to be able to gain up to 3 40 feet. 4 Q. Do you feel like you gain anything in terms of 5 reservoir quality? 6 7 We don't -- We really don't anticipate that we We feel like the reservoir quality will be somewhat 8 similar to the Lowe "20" Number 1. 9 So the primary -- our primary concern or 10 consideration is structural, rather than stratigraphic. 11 In terms of the risk penalty, is it fairly safe 12 Q. to say that you'll probably get a producing well at the 13 location? 14 15 I think it's relatively safe to say that. 16 However, we know from past experience that even with a 3-D 17 seismic interpretation, that interpretation can be 18 incorrect. And so we feel like there is always significant 19 structural risk, drilling seismically defined structures. We also see through analysis of electric logs in 20 21 the area that the stratigraphic component of the prospect 22 is a risk in that the individual producing -- or

The stratigraphic risk, though, is very difficult

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1	to pin down. We know that the reservoirs do change. We
2	anticipate they won't change significantly across the
3	structure that we have identified, but there is the risk
4	that they could change. We just don't have the data to
5	anticipate how they will change.
6	EXAMINER CATANACH: I have nothing further of the
7	witness.
8	MR. OWEN: That concludes my presentation in this
9	case, Mr. Examiner.
10	EXAMINER CATANACH: All right, there being
11	nothing further in this case, Case 11,428 will be taken
12	under advisement.
13	(Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
14	12:48 p.m.)
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20	the Examiner hearing of Case No. 1/408.
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### CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL November 24th, 1995.

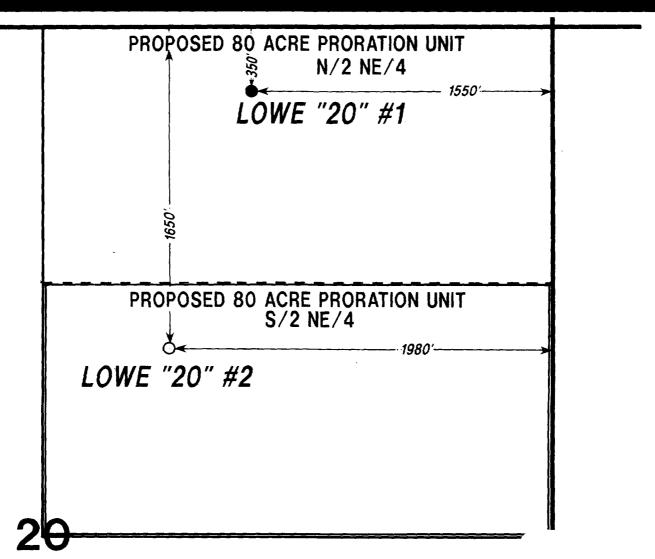
STEVEN T. BRENNER

CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 1998

# NE/4 Section 20, T-13-S - R-38-E

### **COMMON OWNERSHIP THROUGHOUT NE/4**



# S W BRONCO PROSPECT LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SCALE: 1" = 500"

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 11428 Exhibit No. 1

Hearing Date: November 16, 1995

Submitted by:\_

LOCATION OF WELLS: Lowe "20" #1 - 350' FNL & 1550' FEL,

Section 20, T-13-S. R-38-E.

NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico Lowe "20" #2 - 1650' FNL & 1980' FEL, Section 20, T-13-S, R-38-E.

NMPM. Lea County, New Mexico

PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS AND ADDRESSES OF PARTIES:

Lowe "20" #1 and Lowe "20" #2 Wells BCP ACP APO A300%PO

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Box Energy Corporation 32.730473% 30.460938% 29.704428% 29.412761% Preston Sherry Plaza 8201 Preston Road Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75225-6211

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Maralo, Inc. Submitted by:\_

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### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MARALO, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 11428** 

**AFFIDAVIT** 

STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF SANTA FE	)

William F. Carr, authorized representative of Maralo, Inc., the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that in accordance with the notice provisions of Rule 1207 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division the Applicant has attempted to find the correct addresses of all interested persons entitled to receive notice of this application and that notice has been given at the addresses shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto as provided in Rule 1207.

William F. Carr

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of November, 1995.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

<u>st 19, 1999</u>

### **EXHIBIT A**

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October 24, 1995

## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P. Lock Box 70 Dallas, TX 75225

Re: Application of Maralo, Inc., for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Oil

Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico

### Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Maralo, Inc., has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the force pooling of all mineral interests in the S/2 NE/4 of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Maralo, Inc., proposes to dedicate the referenced pooled unit to its Lowe "20" No. 2 Well to be drilled to the Wolfcamp formation at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 20.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on November 16, 1995. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

ATTORNEY FOR MARALO, INC.

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Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

ATTORNEY FOR MARALO, INC.

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