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## HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 6429 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

15 G E IIN **OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION** 

(C.2) 11566

 Re: Chevron Federal "7" Well No. 1
N/2 Sec. 7-16S-28E, NMPM
Application of Matador Petroleum Corporation for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Matador Petroleum Corporation, please find enclosed our Application for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location for its Chevron Federal Well No. 1 which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for July 11, 1996. Also enclosed is our proposed notice for the advertisement.

By copy of this letter, including the Application to all parties, we are notifying them by certified mail return-receipt requested, that they have the right to appear at the hearing, to make a statement to the Division, to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses either in support of or in opposition to the Application. Oil Conservation Division June 18, 1996 Page 2.

Pursuant to the Division's Memorandum 2-90, all interested 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, July 5, 1996, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Very truly yours, el. W. Thomas /Kellahin

cc: Matador Petroleum Corporation cc: <u>CERTIFIED MAIL:</u>

All parties shown in application

Proposed notification/advertisement for OCD docket

Case 1566 Application of Matador Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to re-enter and deepen its Chevron Federal "7" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 663 feet from the North line and 665 feet from the East line (Unit A) Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. If the subject well is capable of production from any formation from the top of the Wolfcamp to the top of the Morrow formation, then the N/2 of said Section 7 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit, including but not limited to the Diamond Mound Atoka Gas Pool and the Diamond Mound Morrow Gas Pool

Said well is located approximately 13 miles northeast from Artesia, New Mexico.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MATADOR PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE: 1/566

# **APPLICATION**

Comes now MATADOR PETROLEUM CORPORATION, by and through its attorneys, KELLAHIN and KELLAHIN, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval to re-enter and deepen its Chevron Federal "7" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 663 feet from the North line and 665 feet from the East line (Unit A) Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. If the subject well is capable of production from any formation from the top of the Wolfcamp to the top of the Morrow formation, then the N/2 of said Section 7 is to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

In support thereof, Applicant states:

1. Applicant, Matador Petroleum Corporation, has the right to drill and test for gas production in the N/2 Section 7, T16S, R28E, N.M.P.M, Eddy County, New Mexico. See Exhibit "A" attached.

2. Matador proposes to re-enter and deepen its Chevron Federal Well No. 1 at its existing unorthodox gas well location 663 feet from the North line and 665 feet from the East line of said Section 7.

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3. In the event the subject well is produced from any formation from the top of the Wolfcamp to the top of the Morrow, then the N/2 of said Section 7 is to be dedicated as a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

4. Approval of the application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas underlying this unit, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

5. Matador requests that this application be set for hearing in Santa Fe New Mexico on July 11, 1996 before the Division's Examiner.

6. Notification of this application is being sent to the offsetting operators/owners as set forth on Exhibit "B" attached.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, this Application be approved as requested.

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# EXHIBIT "B"

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