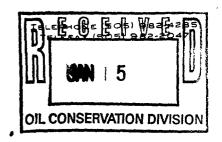
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Mr. Michael E. Stogner Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Rand L. Carroll, Esq. Division Attorney Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

#### MOTION TO DISMISS Re:

NMOCD Case 11887 Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling and a Non-Standard Unit. Lea County, New Mexico

### Gentlemen:

On behalf of Phillips Petroleum Company, an adversely affected interest owner, please find enclosed our MOTION TO DISMISS the referenced case. This case is currently set for hearing on the Examiner's Docket scheduled for January 22, 1998.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Via facsimile to:

James Bruce, Esq., Attorney for applicant Randy Lewicki (Phillips-Odessa)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION CASE NO. 11887
OF SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND A NONSTANDARD PRORATION AND SPACING UNIT
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

### **MOTION TO DISMISS**

Comes now PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY ("Phillips"), by its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, hereby moves the Division to dismiss this case because the Applicant, Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc., ("Santa Fe") Section 70-2-17(C) NMSA (1978) seeking a compulsory pooling order for a 315.22-acre gas spacing unit one-half of which is already committed to another gas spacing unit;

### And in Support States:

- (1) Santa Fe seeks to dedicate the W/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 1, T21S, R34E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico for a Morrow well it wants to drill in the SW/4 of said Section 1.
- (2) Phillips controls 100% of the N/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 1 and proposes to drill a Morrow gas well in the NW/4 of said Section and dedicate the N/2 of said Section to its well.
- (3) Phillips has obtained from the Division an approved application for permit to drill its well (See Exhibit A attached).

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(4) The W/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 1, for which Santa Fe seeks to have the Division issue a compulsory pooling order, is not available for pooling because the N/2 equivalent of Section 1 has already been consolidated on a 100% voluntarily basis and dedicated to a N/2 spacing unit for the drilling of Phillips' State "R" Well No. 1 to be located 1980 feet FNL and 1650 feet FWL of said Section 1.

WHEREFORE Phillips Petroleum Company requests that the Division Hearing Examiner grant this motion and dismiss Oil Conservation Division Case 11887 because:

- (a) Section 70-2-17 NMSA (1978) is applicable only for those instances in which a spacing unit is available and the parties in that spacing unit cannot agree to pool their interests;
- (b) In this case, the N/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 1 is already committed on a voluntarily basis for a well and therefore NW/4 cannot be made the subject of a W/2 unit compulsory pool case without violating the provisions of Section 70-2-17 NMSA (1978);

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### VERIFICATION

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Comes now Randy Lewicki, being first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and states: That he is a Petroleum Landman for Phillips Petroleum Company, Odessa, Texas, that he has read the foregoing pleadings and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct of this own knowledge, information and belief.

Randy Lewicki

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Randy Lewicki, who personally appeared before me this 15th day of January, 1998.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-16-99

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MARIANNE MCEWIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading was transmitted by facsimile to counsel for applicant this 15th day of January, 1998.

W. Thomas Kellahin

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