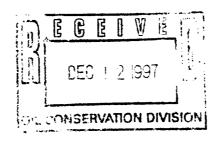
PALADIN ENERGY CORP.



Mr. Ran Carol Attorney 2040 Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87505



December 9, 1997

Dear Mr. Carol:

I have been informed that you will be representing the state of New Mexico in a NMOCD hearing scheduled for December 18, 1997 concerning oil and gas properties operated by Meteor Developments, Inc. in Lea County, NM. It is our understanding that the State of New Mexico has filed application to take over the referenced properties.

Paladin Energy currently operates wells in Lea County, NM and is actively pursuing growth opportunities. Pending the results of the upcoming hearing, Paladin would be very interested in discussing an arrangement with the State in which Paladin would be allowed to attempt to re-activate one or more of the currently shut-in producers. Mr. Mickey Horn, Paladin Energy Operations Manager, has been in communication with Mr. Chris Williams in the Hobbs NMOCD office and we strongly believe that a mutually beneficial arrangement can be achieved.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss Paladin's interest in the referenced properties and the process required to successfully negotiate an agreement. Please contact me at (214) 654-0134. Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Fuerman

Vice President - Acquisitions

BEFORE EXAMINER STORMED

OIL CONCERVATION DIVISION

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CASE NO. 11901

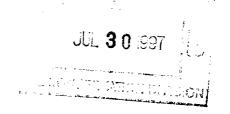
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

GARY E. JOHNSON GOVERNOR JENNIFER SALISBURY CABINET SECRETARY

7-28-97 Rand Carroll, Legal Bureau Oil Conservation Division 2040 So. Pacheco Street Santa Fe, NM. 87505



Re; Meteor Development Inc. Martin # 2, #3 & #5 in section 20-22-27 Eddy Co., NM.

Dear Rand:

We recommend the above captioned wells be plugged to protect fresh waters of the state of New Mexico, the environment and corelative rights in the area.

These wells are located within the city of Carlsbad and from time to time we are covered up with calls from the public complaining about the smell of gas. Meteor has also had several oil spills at the tank battery and the soil will need to be remediated when this equipment is removed.

We would like to place these three wells on a priority status for hearing.

Yours truly,

Ray Smith

303 - 572 - 1135 February 27, 1997

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources
Department
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 1980
Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

Gentlemen:

Meteor Developments, Inc. is no longer in business.

The wells in question were assigned to Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company. A copy of the assignment is enclosed.

I believe this was previously provided to your office.

Dennis R. Staal Former Secretary





ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

February 10, 1997

POST OFFICE BOX 1980 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1980 (505) 393-6161

TO:

METEOR DEVLEOPMENTS INC 216 16TH STR STE 730 DENUER CO 80202

The State of New Mexico OCD District I is in the process of reviewing leases to determine the number of shut-in wells.

Order R-9210 states that an operator can, with regulatory approval, shut-in a producing well or an injection well for up to one year, after this period of time, the operator must, within 90 days, implement one of the following:

- 1) The well be placed back into beneficial use.
- 2) The well be Temporarily Abandoned in accordance with Rule 203.
- 3) The well be Plugged & Abandoned in accordance with Rule 202.

In addition House Bill 65 was passed to give operators an added incentive to place shut-in wells back on production. After you receive the list of wells that have not produced for over a year, check your own manpower, rig availability and economics; then, request either a meeting with Gary W. wink or submit a time frame to bring the wells into OCD compliance. This time frame will include Federal wells, you will need to schedule these with the BLM, and we would appreciate a copy.

The OCD District I office is also reviewing leases to determine the number of temporary abandoned (TA) wells that have been tested for TA status and have expired.

Attached are (3) three reports that separate the wells that are shown under our records to be either Shut In or Temporarily Abandoned. The following is an outline of what each report shows.



Page 2 SI/TA Report Letter Gary Wink - Field Rep. II

Report Form No. 43

The wells on Report 43 have had the casing tested and approved by the OCD, but the expiration date for the TA approval has expired. These wells will need to be re-tested for the TA status to be extended.

Report Form No. 44

The wells on Report 44 have been shut in for over a year and need to be brought into compliance with the TA rule, P&A'd rule or activated as an oil, gas or water injector.

Report Form No. 45.

The wells on Report 45 are in compliance with the TA rule. The date by which the wells need to be re-tested is listed. This will allow you to be informed of the date that the wells will need to be re-tested for continuation of the TA status.

Sincerely,

GARY WINK

Field Representative II



02/12/1997

SI/TA WELLS REPORT FORM 43 PRIOR TESTED WELLS NOT IN COMPLIANCE METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

PAGE 1

NMOCD DIST I

P.O. BOX 1980

HOBBS, NM 88241

OPERATOR: METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

THE OPERATOR METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC DOES NOT HAVE ANY TEMPORARY ABANDONED WELLS, WHICH HAVE BEEN TESTED AND ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE.



SI/TA WELLS REPORT FORM 44 SI WELLS NOT IN COMPLIANCE NO PRIOR TEST METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

NMOCD DIST I

P.O. BOX 1980

HOBBS, NM 88241

OPERATOR: METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

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SI/TA WELLS REPORT FORM 45 WELLS IN COMPLIANCE METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

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NMOCD DIST I

P.O. BOX 1980

HOBBS, NM 88241

OPERATOR: METEOR DEVELOPMENTS INC

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Meteor Developments, Inc. 714-897-4848

1-2842 Valley-View St., Suite 104

Garden Grove, CA 92645 5/1 16 th & f Suite 400

Thomas M. Weaver, VP

Contract Pumper: John R. Stearns Stine Smith

369-5025 Office (505) 675-2356

369-5025 Mobil # (505) 398-5761

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DIRECTORY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

STATE OF NEW MEXICO



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COMMISSIONER

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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CHRIS KRAHLING

JANUARY 31, 1997

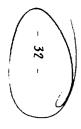
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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



BRUCE KING GOVERNOR October 21, 1991

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Meteor Developments, Inc. 511 Sixteenth Street Suite 400 Denver, Colorado 80202

Attention: Dennis R. Staal

Re: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond Bordeaux Petroleum Company

Bond No. 9004

Dear Mr. Staal:

The Oil Conservation Division hereby acknowledges receipt of and approves the rider to the above-captioned bond changing the name of principal as follows:

METEOR DEVELOPMENTS, INC.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. LEMAY,

Director

dr/

ec: Oil Conservation Division Hobbs, Artesia, Aztec

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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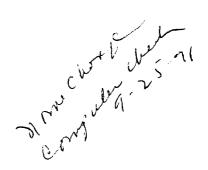
Dear Mr. Staal:

I am in receipt of the rider to the above-captioned bond changing the name of principal to Meteor Developments, Inc. Our Hobbs district office has advised me that they have received all C-104's, Change of Operator, with the exception of one, that being the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Well No. 3 in Unit C of Section 27, T-9-S, R-36-E. As soon as this C-104 is received in the Hobbs' office, we will proceed with the approval of this name change.

Sincerely.

DIANE RICHARDSON

Administrator Bond Department September 18, 1991



Mr. William Lemay State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 State Land Office Building Santa Fe, NM 87504

Reference: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond

Bordeaux Petroleum Company, Principal Central Pacific Assurance, Ltd., Surety

Bond No. 9004

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Enclosed is a copy of the change in name for our plugging bond.

Meteor Developments, Inc. is preparing the necessary forms to change operator from Bordeaux Petroleum Company to Meteor Developments, Inc. Bordeaux Petroleum Company will no longer be operating in the State of New Mexico and all wells formerly operated by Bordeaux Petroleum Company will be operated by Meteor Developments, Inc.

If you have any question please contact me at (303) 572-1135.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Staal

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BOND

CHANGE IN NAME AND/OR ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL RIDER

To be attached to and form a part of Bond No. 9004 in the amount of \$ 50,000
issued by Central Pacific Assurance of behalf of
Bordeaux Petroleum Company
in favor ofState of New Mexico
It is understand and agreed that the bond described above is hereby modified
so as to state the <u>Name</u> of the <u>Principal</u> therein as:
METEOR DEVELOPMENTS, INC.
from and after
It is further expressly understood and agreed that the aggregate liability of the
above named surety, under said bond to the Obligee herein mentioned shall not
exceed the amount stated above.
Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend and of
the terms, agreements, conditions, or limitations of the above mentioned bond, other
than as above stated.
Signed, Sealed, and Dated the 13th day of September 19 7/.
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Central Pacific Assurance, Ltd. ON DIVISION Reinsurance RESERTED

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Executive Office

9744 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 430 Beverly Hills. CA 90212 (213) 274-5100 Fax: (213) 274-1630

November 6, 1990

Diane Richardson
State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Dept.
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504

Dear Ms. Richardson:

We received your letter of October 29, 1990. The correct telephone number and address is listed above.

We are sorry for causing you some inconvenience regarding our telephone number. This letter will bring your records up to date for which we thank you.

Very Truly,

Milton R. Polland

Chairman of the Board

MRP/1b



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS GOVERNOR

October 29, 1990

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Central Pacific Assurance Ltd 10445 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 303 Los Angeles, Ca. 90024

Re: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond Bordeaux Petroleum Company, Principal

Bond No. 9004

Gentlemen:

I tried unsuccessfully to contact you by telephone this date. I would very much appreciate your forwarding me your telephone number so that I could bring our records up-to-date.

Sincerely,

DIANE RICHÁRDSON

Administrator **Bond Department**

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BLANKET BOND CANCELLATIONS
Operator's Name BORDEAUX Petroleum Co
Code No
Request received $10-22$, 1990 .
1. Check current production listing. List all wells and status.
 Check current SWD listing (Area-Operator). List all wells and status.
3. Check latest drilling print-out.
4. Check weekly activity reports from date of drilling print-out to date of request.
5. Check Stratagraphic Tests Files.
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The	above	items	have	been	checked
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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS GOVERNOR

February 27, 1990

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Bordeaux Petroleum Company 333 W. Hampden Avenue Suite 604 Englewood, Co. 80110

Attention: Dennis R. Staal

Re: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond
Bordeaux Petroleum Company, Principal Central Pacific Assurance, Ltd., Surety

Bond No. 9004

Dear Mr. Staal:

The Oil Conservation Division hereby approves the above-referenced blanket plugging bond effective February 26, 1990.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. LEMA

Director

dr/

cc: Oil Conservation Division Hobbs, Artesia, Aztec

> Central Pacific Assurance Ltd. 10445 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 303 Los Angeles, Ca. 90024

Bordeaux Petroleum Company 2 PA 3 58

February 20, 1990



State Of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Diane Richardson, Administrator
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond Registration Number: 1468545

Dear Diane,

Enclosed please find the completed blanket plugging bond for your approval. This letter is to also inform you that we are now registered to do business in the State of New Mexico.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Staal

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President



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS
GOVERNOR

December 19, 1989

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Bordeaux Petroleum Company 333 W. Hampden Avenue Suite 604 Englewood, Colorado 80110

Attention: Dennis R. Staal

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Re: \$50,000 Blanket Plugging Bond

Bordeaux Petroleum Company, Principal

Bond No. 9004

⁷Dear Mr. Staal:

I am in receipt of the above-captioned blanket plugging bond. Before I can approve this bond it will be necessary for Bordeaux Petroleum Company to be registered to do business in the state with the Corporation Commission. Their telephone number is (505) 827-4511.

I am also returning this bond to Central Pacific Assurance, LTD. so that Mr. Milton R. Pollard can complete the "Acknowledgement Form for Corporate Surety".

Just as soon as I receive this bond back in my office and you advise me that you are registered, I will proceed with the approval of this bond.

Sincerely,

DIANE RICHARDSON

Administrator Bond Department

registration #
1468545

\$50,000.00 BLANKET PLUGGING BOND

2020.	(For Use of Surety Company)	
BOND NO.	9004	

File with 011 Conservation Division, P.O.Box 2088, Santa Fe 87501

KNOW	ALL MEN	BY THESE	PRESENTS:

Thu Bordeaux Petroleum Company	, (Anximiridual);zapannenskip)
(a corporation organized in the State of <u>Colorado</u> <u>Englewood</u> , State of <u>Colorado</u>	, with its principal office in the city of
the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and Central Pacific Assurance,	
corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State ofCalifornia	,and authorized
to do business in the State of New Mexico, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the and benefit of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico pursuant to Section 1953. Compilation of Section 1953.	on 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes
Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars \$50.0 States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and SU successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals; and

WHEREAS, The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or may commence the drilling of wells to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or create such well, or such wells started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases, and on land patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on land otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said well being expressly waived by both principal and surety hereto.

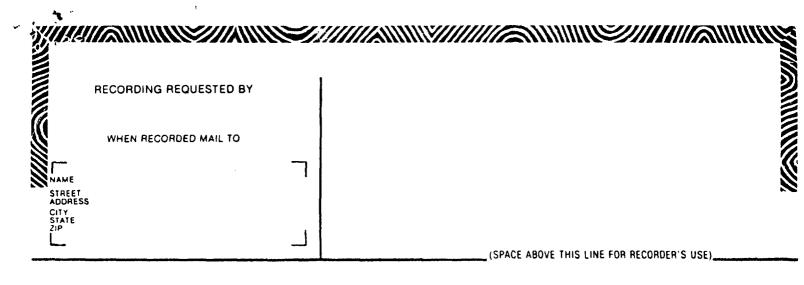
NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug all of said wells when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other strata:

THEN, THEREFORE, This obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That thirty (30) days after receipt by the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico of written notice of cancellation from the surety, the obligation of the surety hereunder shall terminate as to property or wells acquired, drilled, or started after said thirty (30) day period but shall continue in effect, notwithstanding said notice, as to property or wells theretofore acquired, drilled or started

Jery **

Bordeaux Petroleum Company	Central ractific Assurance, Ltd
PRINCIPAL 333 W. Hampden Ave. Suite 604	SURETY 10445 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 303
Englewood, CO 80110 Address	Los Angeles, CA 90024
Address	Address
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Signature	Attorney-in Fact
- President Title	
(Note: Principal, if corporation, affix corporate seal here.)	(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate sea! here.)
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM	M FOR NATURAL PERSONS
STATEOF California	
COUNTY OF Los Angeles	SS.
On this 28th day of NO	ovember 1989, before me personally appeared
Milton R. Polland	to me known to be the person (persons)
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CASE NO. 11901

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
 - 2. I am the attorney of record for Applicant.
- 3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the Application herein.
- 4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owners at their correct addresses by mailing them, by certified mail, a copy of the Application. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto.

5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Rule 1207.

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Central Pacific Assurance, Ltd. 9744 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 430 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Co. 550 W. Texas, Suite 1330 Midland, TX 79701

RE: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Show Cause Hearing requiring Meteor Developments Inc. and Central Assurance, Ltd. and other interested parties to appear and show cause why fourteen wells located in Sections 22, 23 and 26, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, NM and Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, NM should not be plugged and abandoned

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the enclosed application seeking a Show Cause Hearing requiring Meteor Developments Inc. and Central Pacific Assurance, Ltd. and other interested parties to appear and show cause why the above-referenced wells should not be ordered parties and abandoned.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 18, 1997. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by an order issued in this case, 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--- Enclosed)

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,

RAND CARROLL

ATTORNEY FOR THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Enclosures

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor Tim Gum, OCD Artesia District Supervisor

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APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

- 1. Meteor Developments, Inc. (the "Operator") is the operator of fourteen wells: four wells located in Units I, N, O, and P, Section 22; two in Units K and M, Section 23; and five in Units C, D, E, L and M, Section 26; all in Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Lea County; and three in Units F, K and L, Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, New Mexico.
- 2. Operator has posted a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 for said wells in compliance with Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978 and Rule 101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the wells operated by Operator. Central Pacific Assurance Ltd. is surety on the bond, Bond No. 9004.
- 3. The subject wells have not produced hydrocarbons or have otherwise been inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary

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abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.

- 4. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have approved current temporary abandonment permits, the subject wells are presumed to have been abandoned and are required to be plugged.
- 5. By authority of Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.
- 6. Demand has been made or attempted to be made upon the Operator to either place the subject wells to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisors of District I and II of the Oil Conservation Division apply to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Determining whether or not the wells should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- B. Upon a determination that said wells should be plugged, directing Operator to plug said wells.
- C. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug and abandon said wells as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized:
 - i. to plug said wells;
 - ii. to declare forfeit on said bond, if any, and to take such action to

foreclose on said bond,

iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging said wells in excess of the amount of the bond, if any, and

iv. to impose fines on the Operator for failure to take action on these wells.

D. For such other and further relief as the Division seems just and proper.

ESPECTFULLY SUBMITITE!

RAND CARROLL

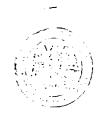
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TO:

All Parties Appearing Before OCD Examiners or the

Commission

FROM:

William J. LeMay, Director \

SUBJECT:

Prehearing Statement to be Filed Prior to Hearing

DATE:

April 30, 1990

In order to improve the management of hearing dockets before Oil Conservation Division examiners and the Oil Conservation Commission, parties appearing in any cases are hereby requested to file a PREHEARING STATEMENT substantially in the form attached to this memorandum by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing beginning with the Docket set for May 30, 1990. The statements should be filed by the attorney who will be representing the party at the hearing. Two copies should be provided for examiner hearings and four copies for Commission hearings with an additional copy provided to the reporter on the day of the hearing. The statement must be served on any party who has entered an appearance pursuant to Rule 1208.

There are several benefits to be derived from the statements. First the examiner or Commission will be able to anticipate the approximate length of a case in order to schedule the court reporter and plan their own schedules. Hopefully it will also enable parties to better determine when they can expect their case to be heard. By identifying the issues and evidence in advance, the examiners and the parties will be better prepared for the hearings. Changes in witnesses and exhibits will normally be allowed.

Parties subject to this memorandum include applicants and any other party planning to appear either in opposition or support of an application. Applicants should include in the notice required under Division Rules a statement that a prehearing statement is required by any person planning to appear and that anyone wishing to receive other parties prehearing statements or pleadings must file an entry of appearance.

If any party in a case fails to file a prehearing statement the examiner or the Commission reserves the right to make such adjustments to the docket as are appropriate in a given circumstance, such as moving the case to the end of the docket after all cases in which parties have filed their statements. Because this procedure is intended to improve the hearing process, it is hoped that the high level of support and cooperation normally shown in OCD and OCC proceedings will continue.

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:

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This prehearing statement is s as required by the Oil Conservation	Division.
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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

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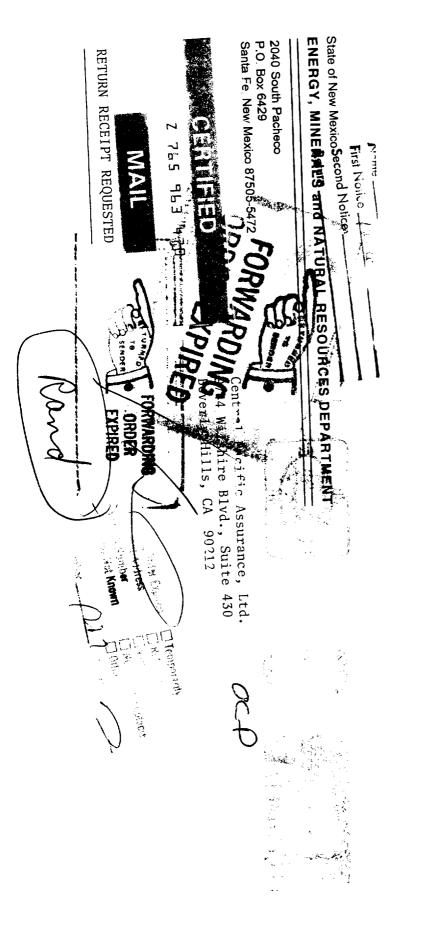
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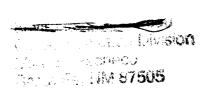
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December 16, 1997

NM Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe. NM 87505



Re: NMOCD Case 11901

Gentlemen:

Following are Saga Petroleum's ideas concerning the Meteor Crossroads Field leases:

- Saga wishes to immediately unitize it's leases in the Crossroads Devonian Field.
 Produced water will be injected downdip in the structure for pressure maintenance.
 Unitization will reduce operating expenses, extend the producing life of the leases, and reduce leaks and spills by allowing for a new, central production facility.
- While Saga cannot accept the environmental liability for the Meteor leases, we are willing to work with the State to clean up the Meteor properties, plug those wells that need to be plugged, and reactivate the remaining wellbores that are economic to produce, all at our cost. Saga will utilize company personnel, with company owned dirt moving equipment and well servicing units to perform the necessary work at a cost substantially below contractor prices. A mutually agreeable plan between the State and Sage would contain a reasonable time table for completion of the work, detailed work plans, and cost estimates. Saga would also need to be properly indemnified for accepting responsibility of the executing the plan and taking over operations of these leases.
- Once the Meteor leases are capable of producing in economic quantities, these leases should be merged into the Crossroads Devonian Unit discussed earlier.
- The previous discussions assume that the existing mineral leases under the Meteor leases can be obtained by Saga from MarBob and G.W. Ainsworth. This is necessary to legally produce the Devonian zone in these wells, and at this time we believe this can be accomplished.

If you have any additional questions, or need any additional information, please call.

Sincerely,

J. Charles Farmer

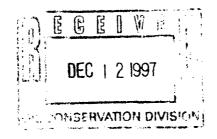
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Mr. Ran Carol Attorney 2040 Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87505



December 9, 1997

Dear Mr. Carol:

I have been informed that you will be representing the state of New Mexico in a NMOCD hearing scheduled for December 18, 1997 concerning oil and gas properties operated by Meteor Developments, Inc. in Lea County, NM. It is our understanding that the State of New Mexico has filed application to take over the referenced properties.

Paladin Energy currently operates wells in Lea County, NM and is actively pursuing growth opportunities. Pending the results of the upcoming hearing, Paladin would be very interested in discussing an arrangement with the State in which Paladin would be allowed to attempt to re-activate one or more of the currently shut-in producers. Mr. Mickey Horn, Paladin Energy Operations Manager, has been in communication with Mr. Chris Williams in the Hobbs NMOCD office and we strongly believe that a mutually beneficial arrangement can be achieved.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss Paladin's interest in the referenced properties and the process required to successfully negotiate an agreement. Please contact me at (214) 654-0134. Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Fuerman

Vice President - Acquisitions