### SONAT EXPLORATION COMPANY POKER LAKE FIELD DATA FOR BLANKET SURFACE COMMINGLING

#### Proposed Installation and Operation of Commingled Facilities:

- 1. Stock Tank Storage Capacity: 18 hours of storage above normal high operating level. 18 hours is maximum unattended time.
- 2. Test Vessels: Vertical 3-phase heater treaters with separate meters to measure oil, water, and gas.
- 3. Well Testing: Each well at a minimum shall be tested through the test vessel for one full 24 hour period each month.

4. Method of Allocation:  $Z'_1 = (Z_1 \times R) \times A$  $\Sigma$  (Z's x R's)

Where:

 $Z'_1$ = Adjusted production chargeable to the well

= Well tests, BPD or MCFPD  $Z_1$ 

= Number of days well has produced in the month

 $\Sigma$  (Z's x R's) = Summation of chargeable production for all wells

producing to the facility.

= Volume facility sold for month, BPD or MCFPD Α

#### **Benefits of Proposed Installations:**

- 1. Reduced capital outlay for the Poker Lake Delaware project:
  - A. Potential capital savings of lease commingling:

Average cost of tank battery = \$60,000

Number of Federal leases without tank battery = 7

Capital savings = \$420,000

B. Reduced capital outlay for exception to Division Rule 309 B (5) (b) which requires each lease to be metered separately:

> Average cost for installation of 3-phase heater treater = \$18,000

Heater treater requirements to produce all Federal Leases= 7

Capital savings =\$126,000

2. Reduced man hours to efficiently operate fewer facilities.

## Sonat Exploration Company Data for Blanket Surface Commingling (Cont.)

- 3. Increased Hydrocarbon Recovery:
  - A. Capital savings could be used to drill additional Delaware wells and/or recomplete existing wells to add potential Delaware pay.
  - B. Commingled facilities would increase oil storage at a common point. Would be able to economically justify installing a vapor recovery unit for the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from oil storage tanks.

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