Force Pooling Hearing

Sand Tank "31" Fed Com No. 2

<u>Negotiations</u> With Patrick Smith of Anadarko

November 18, 1997	Well proposal/farmout request made to Anadarko c	n behalf of Enron.
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- December 22, 1997 Anadarko advised they would likely go non-consent Advised another company had approached Anadarko for deal.
- January 9, 1998 Discussions with Anadarko To attempt to secure acceptable trade.
- February 6, 1998 Further discussions with Anadarko They are still reviewing. Discussion of the interest they own.
- February 9, 1998 Letter correspondence from Anadarko
- February 13, 1998 Anadarko re-thinking decision. May join reviewing area and recent wells.

February 23, 1998 Advised they hope to have decision in one week.

- March 5, 1998 Expect to have decision in another week. Advised that their engineer would like to talk to Enron's engineer to secure information on Enron's recent wells. Provided them with Enron's engineer's phone number.
- March 6, 1998 Enron's Engineer (Randy Cate) provided well information verbally to Anadarko.
- March 11, 1998 Anadarko advised they would meet in committee tomorrow. They advised they may not join after all; Enron reiterated it would accept farmout, term assignment or joinder.
- March 12, 1998 Anadarko advised they did not desire to join and would offer term assignment in lieu of farmout or joinder. Enron agreed subject to seeing the assignment form. They would try to expedite recognizing the Force Pool hearing is next week and Enron had rig stacked near location.
- March 16, 1998 Advised they would not be able to deliver term assignment for 4-5 days. They had no objection to Enron going through with hearing. Enron agreed it would dismiss them once acceptable assignment form signed. Enron advised again that it has a rig and is soon to move to this location; therefore Enron felt it had to go through with hearing to protect itelf in event the assignment form could not be agreed upon. Also, since the form would need to go through both legal departments it may take extra time. Anadarko agreed this was appropriate.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. <u>11950</u> Exhibit No. <u>4</u>

Submitted by: Enron Oil & Gas Company

Hearing Date: March 19, 1998



P. O. Box 2267 Midland, Texas 79702 (915) 686-3600

November 18, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation P. O. Box 1330 Houston, Texas 77251-1330 Attention: Patrick A. Smith

RE: <u>Sand Tank "31" Fed Com No. 2</u> W/2 Section 31, T17S, R30E, Eddy County, New Mexico EOG's Sand Tank Prospect

Gentlemen:

Enron Oil & Gas Company proposes to drill the Sand Tank "31" Fed Com No. 2 well as an 11,800' Lower Morrow/Chester test at an unorthodox location 990' FSL & 1200' FWL of Section 31, T17S, R30E, Eddy County, New Mexico. In this regard please find two (2) AFEs covering this test. Please execute and return one (1) copy should you elect to participate.

In the event you do not choose to participate, Enron would request a Farmout for the drilling of this well on your interest in the NW/4 of this Section 31. General terms would provide for delivering Enron a 75% NRI with you retaining the difference in the form of a retained ORRI. The Farmout would provide for a 180 day continuous development clause to drill any remaining tract under the same terms. Three (3) copies of a proposed Farmout Agreement have been enclosed for your review. Please note that said agreement is the same form that has been previously agreed upon between our two companies when Enron drilled its Sand Tank "31" Fed Com #1 in the SE/4. The #1 was unsuccessful and is in line to be plugged. Note this form excludes the after payout interests provided in the previous Farmout. In light of the major expenditures already spent in this Section and the remaining inherent risks with this test, Enron felt this to be a reasonable offer. Should this Farmout Agreement meet with your approval, please execute, notarize and return two (2) originals to the attention of the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 915-686-3758.

Sincerely,

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY

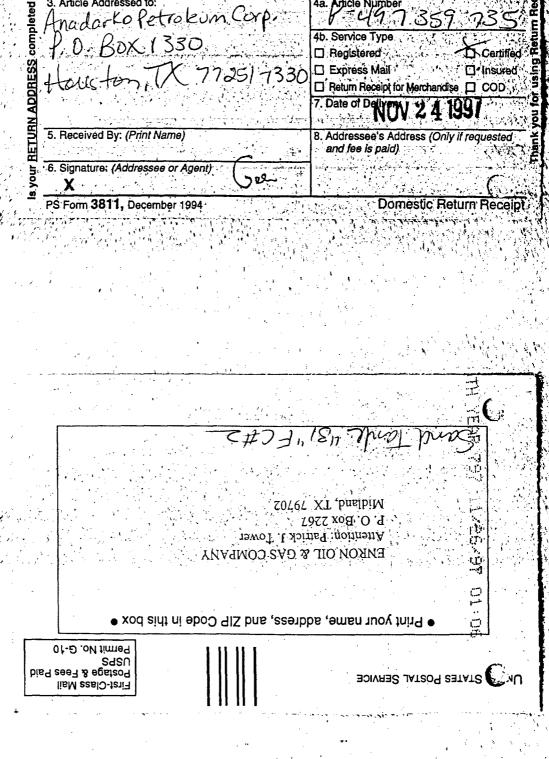
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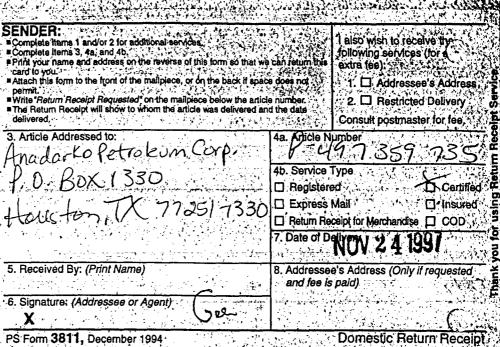
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PJT/ms enclosures cc: Rudy Mikulec - EOG Houston Ronnie Adams - EOG Houston G. L. Thomas/WDS/TJA/LISA/WF m:\letters\pjt97\anadarko.doc

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February 9, 1998

Mr. Patrick Tower Project Landman Enron Oil & Gas Company P. O. Box 2267 Midland, TX 79702

RE: Operating Agreement Weller/Ambassador dated June 15, 1965 Cedar Breaks Area Eddy County, New Mexico RECEIVED TLJ 12 1998 LAND DEPT.

Dear Mr. Tower:

Per your request of February 6, 1998, please find a copy of subject agreement enclosed. If anything further is required, please contact me at (281) 876-8374.

Very truly yours,

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Patrick A. Smith Project Landman

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Enron Oil & Gas Company P.O. Box 2267 Midland, TX 79702 (915) 686-3600

March 17, 1998

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation P. O. Box 1330 Houston, Texas 77251-1330 Attention: Patrick A. Smith

Re: Sand Tank "31" Fed Com No. 2 W/2 Section 31, T17S, R-30E Eddy County, New Mexico EOG's Sand Tank Prospect

Gentlemen:

This letter confirms the understanding between our respective companies concerning Anadarko's leasehold within the spacing unit for the referenced well. In essence, Anadarko has agreed to grant Enron a term assignment of Anadarko's leasehold subject to arriving at a mutually agreeable form of assignment. As Enron has a rig available, and the assignment form is yet to be finalized, Anadarko has no objection to Enron proceeding with the Force Pooling hearing to be held March 19, 1998. Enron agree's that once an acceptable assignment has been executed, Enron will dismiss Anadarko from the Force Pooling action or order. Both parties will use good faith efforts to finalize such assignment. Enron looks forward to receipt of the proposed assignment form.

If this understanding is not correct, please so advise as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY

Patrick J. Tower Project Landman

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