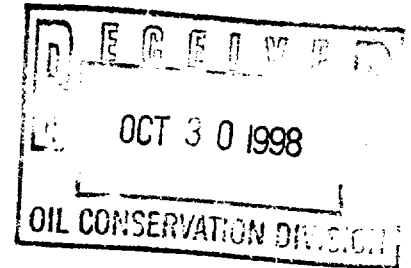




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Ms. Lori Wrotenberry, Director
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Re: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.
For Compulsory Pooling, an Unorthodox gas well location
And non-standard spacing and proration units
OCD Case No. 12051
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenberry:

Marathon Oil Company hereby supports Texaco's application for compulsory pooling, an unorthodox gas well location and non-standard gas spacing units covering the following portions of irregular shaped Section 1, T-21-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico:

- A. For all formations developed on 640-acre spacing, Lots 11 through 14 and Lots 17 through 28 (N 2/3 equivalent, 555.74 acres)
- B. For all formations developed on 320-acre spacing, Lots 11 through 14 and Lots 19 through 22 (288.19 acres)

Marathon will own a 10.42% working interest in Texaco's 555.74 acre Gas Unit and a 9.735% working interest in Texaco's 288.19 acre unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John J. Chapman'.
John J. Chapman
New Mexico Area Supervisor

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Attachment

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