

EXHIBIT 10

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

P.O. BOX 18496
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73154-0496
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LAND DEPARTMENT
LYNDA F. TOWNSEND, CPL/ESA
LANDMAN

September 8, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE (303)863-1558

Mr. Phil Wood
Bonneville Fuels Corporation
1660 Lincoln, Suite 1800
Denver, CO 80264

Re: Notice and Request for Waiver
College of the SW 1-17 Well
SL - 981' FSL and 991' FWL
BHL - 606' FSL and 1,096' FWL
Section 17-16S-36E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Wood

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. has made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an unorthodox location for the captioned well. The bottom-hole location for the College of the SW 1-17 is unorthodox to the SE/4 SW/4 lease line. As you will note on the enclosed plat, the SE/4 SW/4 is a part of the 80 acre proration unit for the well. As a leasehold owner, you are hereby given notice of said application.

In addition, please consider this letter as a formal request for Bonneville's waiver of protest to Chesapeake's application. Please sign in the space so provided indicating Bonneville's waiver of protest and return by facsimile to (405)879-9535.

Very truly yours,


Lynda F. Townsend

Bonneville Fuels Corporation hereby agrees to Waiver of Protest this 21st day of September, 1999.

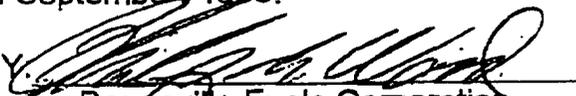
BY 
Bonneville Fuels Corporation

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September 9, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE (303)863-1558

Mr. Craig Hubbard
Fasken Oil and Ranch, LTD
303 West Wall, Suite 1900
Midland, TX 79701

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**FASKEN OIL AND
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LAND DEPT.**

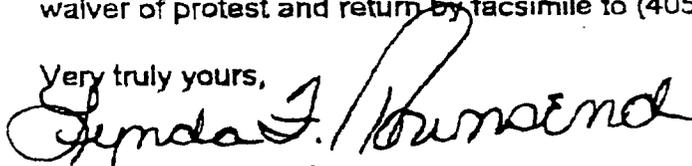
Re: Notice and Request for Waiver
College of the SW 1-17 Well
SL - 981' FSL and 991' FWL
BHL - 606' FSL and 1,096' FWL
Section 17-18S-36E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. has made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an unorthodox location for the captioned well. The bottom-hole location for the College of the SW 1-17 is unorthodox to the SE/4 SW/4 lease line. As you will note on the enclosed plat, the SE/4 SW/4 is a part of the 80 acre proration unit for the well. As a leasehold owner, you are hereby given notice of said application.

In addition, please consider this letter as a formal request for Fasken's waiver of protest to Chesapeake's application. Please sign in the space so provided indicating Fasken's waiver of protest and return by facsimile to (405)879-9535.

Very truly yours,



Lynda F. Townsend

Fasken Oil and Ranch, LTD hereby agrees to Waver of Protest this 17 day of September 1999.

BY: Mark B. Merrill
Fasken Oil and Ranch, LTD

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October 22, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE (915) 688-4831

Mr. Mike Mullins
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.
500 North Loraine
Midland, TX 79701

Re: Notice and Request for Waiver
Application for Unorthodox Location
College of the SW Well
S/2 Section 17-16S-36E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mullins:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. has made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an unorthodox location for the captioned well. The bottom-hole location, which is 580' FSL and 1,085' FWL, is unorthodox to the unit's south lease line. The College of the SW 1-17 well is an Atoka/Morrow test and as such is governed by the West Lovington Penn Pool rules which state that a well must be 660' from any quarter/quarter lease line. As a leasehold owner/operator in the N/2 of Section 20-16S-36E, you are hereby given notice of said application.

In addition, please consider this letter as a formal request for Texaco's waiver of protest to Chesapeake's application. Please sign in the space so provided indicating Texaco's waiver of protest and return by facsimile to (405) 879-9535.

Very truly yours,

Lynda F. Townsend
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Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. hereby agrees to Waiver of Protest this 1st
day of November 1999.

By: *Mike Mullins*
Mike Mullins
Landman

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October 15, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE (505) 748-4572

Mr. Robert Bullock
Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South 4th Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Unorthodox Locations, Waivers to Protest
Yates' R.L. Burn ATL #1
Section 11-16S-35E,
Chesapeake's College of the SW 1-17
Section 17-16S-36E,
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Robert:

As discussed and agreed upon in our telephone conversation of this date, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. consents to a waiver to protest Yates' unorthodox location in the R. L. Burn ATL #1 re-entry, being 330' FSL and 330' FEL in the captioned section. Yates Petroleum Corporation will reciprocate with a waiver to protest Chesapeake's unorthodox location in the College of the SW re-entry, being 580' FSL and 1,085' FWL in the captioned section.

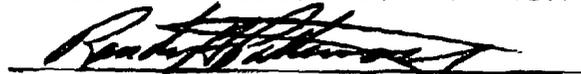
If the above is as agreed upon, please sign in the space so provided and return to me by facsimile at (405) 879-9535.

Very truly yours,


Lynda F. Townsend

Agreed to this 15th day of October, 1999.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION


By: *Atty-in-Fact*