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June 8, 2000

**NOTICE OF THE HEARING OF THE FOLLOWING  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CASE:**

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT**

BTA Oil Producers  
104 South Pecos  
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: C. Robert Crawford

BEFORE EXAMINER CATANACH OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
ST SNYDER	EXHIBIT NO. <u>21</u>
CASE NO.	<u>12449</u>

**Re:   *Application of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation for compulsory pooling  
Paloma Blanco, E/2 Section 18, T23S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Mr. Crawford:

By letter dated May 8, 2000, you advised Mr. Steve Smith of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation that BTA Oil Producers represents some 85 of its Partners and Investors as shown on the list attached to this pooling application which concerns Santa Fe's proposal to dedicate the E/2 of Section 18, T23S, R34E to its proposed Paloma Blanco "18" Federal Well No 1.

Therefore, instead of sending some 85 hearing notification letters to each of your partners and investors in care of BTA, by this letter we are providing notification to BTA and to each of those partners and investors. In addition, I am aware that Mr. William F. Carr, Esq. is representing BTA and its partners and investors in this matter and have hand delivered a copy of this letter to him. Please have Mr. Carr call me if you have any questions or objections to this method of notice.

On behalf of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation, please find enclosed the referenced application for compulsory pooling which has been set for hearing on the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Examiner's docket now scheduled for 8:15 AM on July 13, 2000. The hearing will be held at the Division hearing room located at 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

BTA Oil Producers

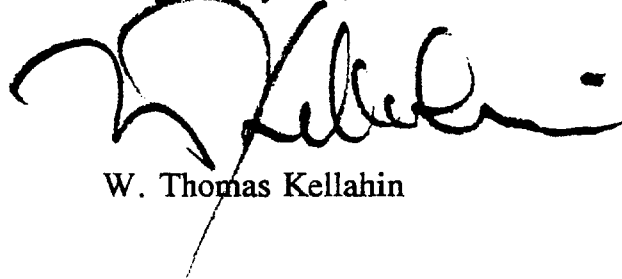
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As an interest owner who may be affected by this application, we are notifying you of your right to appear at the hearing and participate in this case, including the right to present evidence either in support of or in opposition to the application. Failure to appear at the hearing may preclude you from any involvement in this case at a later date.

Pursuant to the Division's Memorandum 2-90, you are further notified that if you desire to appear in this case, then you are requested to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Division not later than 4:00 PM on Friday, July 7, 2000, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: hand delivered:

William F. Carr, Esq.

Attorney for BTA Oil Producers

cc: Santa Fe Snyder Corporation

Attn: Steve Smith