

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY )  
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE )  
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING: ) CASE NO. 12,878  
)  
APPLICATION OF ELM RIDGE RESOURCES, )  
INC., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN )  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO )  
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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID K. BROOKS, Hearing Examiner

June 27th, 2002

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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J. COOPER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID K. BROOKS, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, June 27th, 2002, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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## I N D E X

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

## FOR THE APPLICANT:

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## ALSO PRESENT:

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 Hearing Examiner  
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 1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
 Santa Fe, NM 87501

WILL JONES  
 Engineer  
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
 1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
 Santa Fe, NM 87501

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1           WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at  
2   9:09 a.m.:

3           EXAMINER BROOKS: At this time we call Case  
4   Number 12,878, Application of Elm Ridge Resources, Inc.,  
5   for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

6           Call for appearances.

7           MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of Santa Fe,  
8   representing the Applicant. I just have a short statement.

9           EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay, this matter was styled in  
10  the absence of objection this matter will be taken under  
11  advisement.

12          MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir, Mr. Examiner, and I believe  
13  that the Application and its attachments contain all the  
14  materials required by Rule 1207.A. I would also submit to  
15  you what's been marked as Applicant's Exhibit 1, which is  
16  simply my notice affidavit showing that notice was given by  
17  certified mail to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, which is  
18  the only party being pooled. I do not believe they're here  
19  today, and I have not heard anything from them.

20          EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay, so this is submitted  
21  pursuant to Rule 1207 -- is it C? I don't remember the --

22          MR. BRUCE: I think it's -- Well, on my  
23  Application I said 1207.A.(1). I think that's --

24          EXAMINER BROOKS: I think that must be right. I  
25  don't know why I was thinking 1207.C, but I know what

1 you're talking about anyway.

2 MR. BRUCE: And I would move the admission of  
3 that exhibit, and I have nothing further.

4 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay, Exhibit Number 1 will be  
5 admitted. And assuming everything is in the record here,  
6 there being nothing further, Case Number 12,878 will be  
7 taken under advisement.

8 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at  
9 9:11 a.m.)

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15 I do hereby certify that this transcript is  
16 a complete record of the proceedings at  
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 12878  
heard by me on June 27, 2002.

17 David K. Brooks, Examiner  
18 Oil Conservation Division  
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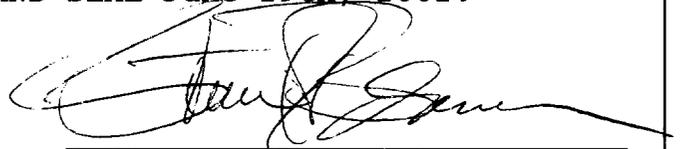
## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO    )  
                                   )    ss.  
 COUNTY OF SANTA FE    )

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL June 29th, 2002.



STEVEN T. BRENNER  
 CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 2002

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF ELM RIDGE RESOURCES,  
INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN  
JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 12,878

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE            )

James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

1. I am over the age of 18, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
2. I am an attorney for Applicant.
3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the names and correct addresses of the interest owners entitled to receive notice of the Application filed herein.
4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owner at its correct address by certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipt are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Division Rule 1207.

  
James Bruce

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 24th day of June, 2002, by James Bruce.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
3/14/05

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Elm Ridge EXHIBIT 1

**JAMES BRUCE**  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW**

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June 4, 2002

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation  
P.O. Box 1330  
Houston, Texas 77251

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application for compulsory pooling, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Elm Ridge Resources, Inc., regarding the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico. This matter will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002 at the Division's offices at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. As an interest owner in the well unit, you have the right to enter an appearance and participate in the hearing. Failure to appear at that time will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,

  
James Bruce  
Attorney for Elm Ridge Resources, Inc.



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