

July 21, 2002

NOTICE

TO: Joan Hudson Moore, Jonel Susan Grasso, and Jane Ann Hudson Davis. Chi Energy, Inc. has filed an application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to force pool all overriding royalty interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S½ of Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The hearing is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2002 at the Division's offices at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. You have the right to appear at the hearing and present evidence. Failure to appear will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date. The well unit is located approximately 13½ miles east-northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, ss.

Dawn Higgins, being first duly sworn, on oath says:

That she is Business Manager of the Carlsbad Current-Argus, a newspaper published daily at the City of Carlsbad, in said county of Eddy, state of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of the State wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in supplement thereof on the date as follows, to wit:

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That the cost of publication is \$ 30.99 and that payment thereof has been made and will be assessed as court costs.

Dawn Higgins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

23 day of July, 2002
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My commission expires 4/25/04
Notary Public

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NUMBER 12881

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