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Case No. 10,674, Application of Exxon Corporation Re: for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location and Simultaneous Dedication, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

The above application was submitted to the Division for administrative approval, but was set for hearing due to an objection by Conoco Inc. Exxon and Conoco have settled their differences based upon a production limitation of 50% of a 320 acre unit allowable for the John D. Knox No. 11 Well. The other two wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the unit, the John D. Knox Well Nos. 1 and 13, will be allowed to produce at capacity. Production from the unit (the E^{1}_{2} of Section 10 - 21 South - 36 East) will, of course, be restricted by the Division's proration schedule for the Eumont Pool. A copy of the letter agreement is attached.

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Exxon requests that the application be approved without hearing, and that the letter agreement be incorporated in the administrative order.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD

& HENSLEY

James Bruce

c: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.

Via Hand Delivery

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Exxon Corporation John D. Knox Well No. 11,

Unit I, Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County,

New Mexico

Dear Tom:

Exxon has requested administrative approval of an unorthodox location for the above well, located 330 feet FEL and 2,310 feet Exxon proposes to recomplete the well in the Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen (Prorated Gas) Pool. Exxon has also requested that the E of Section 10 be simultaneously dedicated to its John D. Knox Well Nos. 1, 11, and 13. Conoco Inc. has objected to the unorthodox location for the No. 11 Well.

Exxon proposes to limit production from the No. 11 Well to no more than 50% of the 320 acre unit allowable. In the event the No. 11 Well produces more or less than 50% of the 320 acre unit allowable for any six month proration period, as defined by the Division (under Order No. R-8170, as amended), then Exxon shall be permitted to make up such overproduction or underproduction during the next succeeding six month proration period. Such makeup may occur either by shut-in, underproduction, or overproduction, at Exxon's option. If underproduction is not made up during the six month makeup period, underproduction shall be canceled. overproduction is not balanced during the six month makeup period, then Exxon shall shut in the No. 11 Well until balancing occurs.

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If Conoco agrees to this proposal, please sign and date the copy of this letter below, and return it to me. Conoco, by agreeing to this proposal, hereby withdraws its objection to administrative approval of the unorthodox location, provided that the administrative order incorporates the above limitation. Exxon will submit this letter to the Division with a request that the unorthodox location and simultaneous dedication be approved administratively, incorporating the above allowable limitation on the No. 11 Well. A copy of the letter to the OCD is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD

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Agreed to and accepted:

W. Thomas Kellahin

Attorney Conoco Inc.

Dated: FODRURAY 26,1993

Via Hand Delivery

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

This is to advise that the undersigned has been given due notice that Exxon Corp. has made application for an unorthodox location, non-standard proration unit and simulatneous dedication for the J. D. Knox well #11.

We, the undersigned, hereby waive any objection to the granting of this application for the permit to plug back the J. D. Knox well #11 to the Eumomt Yates 7 Rivers Queen pool. The location of this well is 2310' FSL & 330' FEL of Section 10, T21S-R36E.

Executed this 29th day of January, 1993.

Company Chevron USA Prod Co.

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Memo

From

LARRY VAN RYAN
Chief Petroleum Engineer

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While the Division encourages such cooperative efforts between opposing parties in settling their differences outside the hearing process, the Division in this particular instance can not accept the above-described compromise.* Such a production limitation can not be entered into the computerized gas proration program, since gas proration units (GPU) are assigned allowables and not wells there would not be an easy way for the Division to police and follow such method in a multi-well unit where only one well would be limited. If such a method was devised the danger of such inconsistencies in the program to become lost over time or "corrected" any time that wells are included or omitted or when the operator changes could lead to a greater chance for correlative rights violations or drainage across lease lines.

The subject case in this matter has already been dismissed, so please consider the administrative application pending until such time as I receive either a joint resolution form both Conoco and Exxon or notice from Exxon to **reopen** Case No. 10,674.

If a satisfactory joint resolution is reached by both parties, a meeting with the Mr. Larry Van Ryan, the Division's Chief Engineer and myself might be appropriate to see if such a plan can be incorporated with the Division's gas proration procedures.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-5811 or Mr. Van Ryan at 5809.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
 Case File 10,674
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Dear Mr. Stogner:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 1993. I have spoken briefly about this matter with Mr. Kellahin, and our discussions In the interim, however, enclosed is Commission Order No. R-1103, which granted a 50% of 640 acre unit allowable on a well simultaneously dedicated to all of Section 4, 20 South - 37 East, in Lea County, in the Eumont Gas Pool. Based on this Order, Exxon requests the Division to reconsider its position.

Very truly yours,

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