BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LEFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC., TO REOPEN CASE NO. 8457

Case	No.	

RESPONSE OF AMERIND OIL COMPANY TO THE APPLICATION OF LEFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC.

Amerind Oil Company ("Amerind") requests that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission deny the request of LeFlore Oil and Gas, Inc. ("LeFlore") to reopen Case No. 8457, and in support thereof states:

- 1. On January 30, 1985, the Oil Conservation Division issued Order No. R-7796 pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying the WNNEW of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. The mineral interest owned by Shell Western Exploration and Production Company ("Shell") underlying the W½NE% of Section 28 was validly pooled by Order No. R-7796. Although notified of Case No. 8457, Shell did not enter an appearance and thus was not a party of record.
- 3. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Order No. R-7796, Amerind sent copies of the Order and an AFE to Shell by letter dated March 26, 1985. This letter was received by Shell on March 28, 1985.
- 4. By letter dated April 26, 1985, Shell notified Amerind that it had farmed out its interest in the W\(\frac{1}{2}\)NE\(\frac{1}{2}\) of Section 28 to LeFlore. LeFlore acquired its interest subject to Order No. R-7796.

- 5. Shell's April 26, 1985 letter also informed Amerind that LeFlore wished to participate in the well. Under paragraph 4 of Order No. R-7796, Shell or its successor, LeFlore, was required to pay its share of estimated well costs to Amerind within 30 days of receiving the AFE; i.e., by April 27, 1985. LeFlore never paid or tendered its share of well costs to Amerind, and thus did not comply with Order No. R-7796.
- 6. Order No. R-7796 provides in paragraph 1 that drilling of a well on the Wanea of Section 28 was to be commenced on or before May 1, 1985, "unless [Amerind] obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown." Furthermore, paragraph 13 of Order No. R-7796 provides that "[j]urisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary."
- 7. Pursuant to the terms of Order No. R-7796, Amerind sought a time extension to commence drilling its Carter No. 2 Well from the Oil Conservation Division.
- 8. On April 15, 1985, the Oil Conservation Division granted Amerind an extension of time until July 1, 1985, to commence drilling the well, pursuant to the time extension provisions of Order No. R-7796.
- 9. Shell and LeFlore were provided with a copy of Order No. R-7796 and thus had knowledge or notice of its provisions. The time extension was granted pursuant to the express terms of Order No. R-7796. Therefore, the time extension is valid.

10. LeFlore, by exercising ordinary diligence, could have determined the existence of the Division's April 15, 1985 time extension before it acquired its interest from Shell. It should not be heard to complain for its own lack of care in examining public records.

11. LeFlore was aware of the time extension in May, 1985 while the Carter No. 2 Well was being drilled, yet it waited until the well was completed as a producer before bringing this action. This "wait and see" attitude toward asserting its right to participate in the well is barred by equitable principles, as well as by the terms of Order No. R-7796.

12. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-13 (1984 Supp.) provides that <u>de novo</u> hearings may be brought by any party of record. By analogy, since Shell was not a party of record in Case No. 8457, Shell or its successor in interest should not be allowed to attack Order No. R-7796 in a collateral proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Amerind requests that LeFlore's Application not be set for hearing, and that the relief requested in the Application be denied.

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Attorneys for Amerind Oil Co.

Dated July 26, 1985

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Re: Case No. 8457

Dear Ms. Aubrey:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 3, 1985, objecting to admission of the Affidavit of Bill Seltzer, Amerind Exhibit 2.

The Commission reached its decision in the subject case on the day of the hearing without the affidavit. The affidavit at this point is immaterial to that decision or the pending written order. It will be placed in our file as any other post hearing correspondence including your objection. Such additions are considered part of the file but not part of the hearing record.

Sincerely,

R. L. STAMETS Director

RLS/fd

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mr. Richard L. Stamets Director Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case No. 8457

Dear Mr. Stamets:

On September 18, 1985 the above case was heard by the Oil Conservation Division. On that date the Commission ruled without requiring Mr. Bruce to put on any evidence. I notice that he has asked you to admit the Affidavit of Bill Seltzer (designated Amerind Exhibit No. 2) as evidence and has asked to have it included in the record even though he did not tender it as an exhibit at the hearing.

Had he tendered the affidavit as an exhibit at the Hearing we would have objected to it on the grounds that it is hearsay and that it is not possible to cross-examine an affidavit. We believe that both of these objections would have been justified and would have been sustained. We strongly object to Mr. Bruce attempting to include in the record an exhibit which was not tendered at the hearing, which contains hearsay, and which denies Samson Resources its right to cross-examine.

Sincerely

Karen Aubrev

KA:mh

cc: Jim Bruce, Esq.
Mr. Chuck Lundeen

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LEFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC. TO REOPEN CASE NO. 8457

Case No. 8457

AFFIDAVIT OF BILL SELTZER

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

Ameriad Oil 6. 9/18/85

Bill Seltzer, being duly sworn upon oath, states:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen years and I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am an independent land consultant in Midland, Texas. I worked as the landman for Amerind Oil Company in matters related to Case No. 8457, which was a compulsory pooling case involving a tract of land in Lea County, New Mexico, on which Amerind sought to drill and has drilled its Carter #2 Well.
- 3. After a hearing on Case No. 8457 the Oil Conservation Division promulgated its Order No. R-7796 force pooling, among others, Shell Western Exploration & Production, Inc. Order No. R-7796 required a well to be commenced on or before May 1, 1985.
- 4. Due to well completion problems on an Amerind well on land adjoining the Carter #2 unit, I sought an extension of time on behalf of Amerind in which to commence drilling the Carter #2 well. This request was made by my letter to the OCD dated April 11, 1985, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5. Prior to requesting the extension of time from the OCD,
 I informed Mr. Terry Enders of Shell Western Exploration &
 Production, Inc. by phone on April 4, 1985 that American was

requesting a 30 day extension of time to drill the #2 Carter well and the extension of time for the drilling of the #2 Carter would not extend the time that Shell must respond to the compulsory pooling notice (30 days from March 26, 1985). A copy of a portion of my telephone bill for April 1985 is attached hereto as Exhibit B, indicating the call to Shell.

6. On April 26, 1985, I returned a call that Mr. Terry Enders of Shell had placed to me and again informed him the OCD had granted the extension of time but Amerind would commence operations immediately after the OCD approved our request for an unorthodox location. A copy of a portion of my telephone bill for April 1985 is attached as Exhibit C, indicating the call to Shell.

Bill Seltzer

507 Petroleum Building Midland, Texas 79701

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 13th day of September, 1985, by Bill Seltzer.

My Commission Expires:

Charlotte M. Larson Notary Public

CHARLOTTE M. LARSON, NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8-2-88

BILL SELTZER

507 PETROLEUM BUILDING MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

April 11, 1985

Re: Case No. 8457 Order No. R-7796 T-16-S, R-37-E

Section 28: W/2 NE/4 Amerind #2 Carter

Case No. 8458 Order No. R-7797 T-16-S, R-37-E Section 28: E/2 NE/4 Amerind #1 Carter

Lea County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Mr. R.L. Stamets, Director

Gentlemen:

On January 30, 1985 the above orders were issued by the Oil Conservation Division to which reference is hereby made and orders are attached hereto.

Amerind Oil Co. commenced drilling their #1 Carter under order No. 7797 on February 28, 1985 and said well reached a total depth of 11,775 feet on March 29, 1985. Amerind ran logs, set pipe to the total depth and perforated the Strawn formation in said well. On a 24 hour swabbing test the #1 Carter is producing 140 barrels of oil and 300 barrels of water. Amerind is now installing a pumping system, building tank batteries and electrical connection preparatory to placing the well on production. Due to the fact the #1 Carter is producing an excessive amount of water, the completion of said well has been delayed. We anticipate this well to be completed in the first week of May 1985. Amerind plans to use the same drilling rig now on location of the #1 Carter for the drilling of their #2 Carter which had a commencement date of May 1, 1985.

Simultaneously with this request Amerind is making an application to be heard on the May 8th, 1985 docket for an unorthodox location for their #2 Carter in order that the well may be drilled at a more favorable geological location. Therefore we respectfully request the Division to grant Amerind Oil Co. a 30 day extension of time to commence the drilling of their #2 Carter under Order No. 7796.

If anything additionally is needed in order to grant this request, please call.

Yours very truly,

Amerind, Oil Co.

BS/kp Attachments: Copy of Order No. R-7796
 Copy of Order No. R-7797

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LeFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC., TO REOPEN CASE NO. 8457

Case No. 8457 of looking Costing R-7796-A- Unortholex Vication

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEFLORE'S APPLICATION TO REOPEN CASE 8457

COMES NOW, LeFlore Oil and Gas, Inc., by and through its attorneys of record, Kellahin and Kellahin, and files its memorandum in support of its application to reopen Case 8457 and in response to Amerind Oil Company's July 26, 1985 memorandum.

FACTS

The relevant facts in this case are set forth in the Chronology attached hereto.

ORDER NO. R-7796 IS NULL AND VOID AND OF NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER

Order No. R-7796, issued by the Oil Conservation Division on January 30, 1985, force pooled the interests of Shell Western Exploration and Production Company, among others, in the Strawn formation underlying the W/2 NE/4 of Section 28, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico. Such order required that drilling of a well on this location commence on or before the first day of May, 1985, or Order No. R-7796 "shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever."

The Carter #2 Well was drilled on May 12, 1985.

On April 11, 1985, Amerind Oil Company, the operator of the Carter #2, simultaneously sought an extension of time to commence drilling this well and filed an application for unorthodox location of the well with the Oil Conservation Division. An extension of time was granted for the commencement of drilling by R. L. Stamets on April 15, 1985 and the application for unorthodox location of the well was docketed for May 8, 1985.

All this was done without notice to Shell Western Exploration and Production Company, or its successor-in-interest, LeFlore Oil and Gas, Inc.

On March 28, 1985, Shell has received a copy of Division Order No. R-7796 and a copy of a January 2, 1985 Approval for Expenditure ("AFE") from Amerind. According to this division order, Shell had thirty days to decide whether or not to participate in the well. On April 26, 1985, Shell wrote to Amerind advising that they had farmed out their interest in this well to LeFlore and that LeFlore would participate. This advice was sent to Amerind without benefit of the knowledge to either Shell or LeFlore that an extension had been obtained on the drilling date of the well and that Amerind had applied for an unorthodox location.

LeFlore had no means of ascertaining that an extension of time had been granted for drilling the Carter #2, other than receiving notice from the operator of the well, Amerind, who had obtained such an extension. Contrary to Amerind's argument,

such an extension of time was granted by means of a letter from Director Stamets to Amerind and was not published anywhere. While the OCD case files are open to the public, neither Shell nor LeFlore, would have no reason to check these files without some notice that further action had been taken in this case.

Amerind further argues that Shell was not a party of record at the January 30, 1985 hearing and thus cannot institute a <u>de novo</u> hearing before the Commission. LeFlore, Shell's successor-in-interest, submits that this is not a <u>de novo</u> hearing, but simply a hearing to request the Commission to reopen the examiner hearing,

Failure to give notice of both the extension of time and the application for an unorthodox location to Shell or its successor-in-interest, LeFlore, is a violation of due process. Amerind knew of Shell and, subsequently, LeFlore's interest underlying the location covered by Order R-7796, had sufficient information to serve them with personal notice, and failed to do so. The United States Supreme Court has determined that notice by publication is constitutionally deficient, if it was reasonably possible to give actual notice to a party. See, Walker v. Hutchinson, 352 U.S. 112, 1 L.Ed.2d 178, 77 S.Ct. 200 (1956); Schroeder v. New York, 371 U.S. 208, 9 L.Ed.2d 255, 83 S.Ct. 279 (1962).

The Carter #2 Well was not spudded within the time allowed by Order R-7796. Failure of Amerind to give notice of either an extension of time for drilling or of a change in the location of the well from a standard to an unorthodox location constitutes a violation of applicant's correlative rights, as set forth in §70-2-17, N.M.S.A. (1978).

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, LeFlore's Application to Reopen Case No. 8457 should be granted and Order R-7796 be declared null and void.

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CHRONOLOGY

12/28/84	Amerind proposed well to Shell in the NE/4 of Section 28, Tl6S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico, and requested farmout of Shell's interest to Amerind.
1/2/85	Amerind prepared AFE for Carter #2 well in W/2, NE/4, Section 28.
1/17/85	Amerind filed application to force pool Shell, et al., in Case 8457.
1/30/85	OCD Order No. R-7796 issued force pooling Shell, et al. Order required drilling of well by May 1, 1985.
2/28/85	Carter #1 well spudded.
3/26/85	Amerind sent to Shell a copy of Order No. R-7796 and the January 2, 1985 AFE for the Carter #2.
4/11/85	Amerind requested by letter to R. L. Stamets, a 30-day extension of time to commence drilling the Carter #2, stating Carter #1 well will be completed in the first week of May, 1985, and they wish to use same drilling rig for the Carter #2. No notice to Shell.
	Amerind filed application for unorthodox location of Carter #2, requesting it be set for hearing on May 8, 1985. No notice to Shell.
4/12/85	First casinghead gas sold to Phillips Petroleum from Carter #1 well.
4/15/85	R. L. Stamets letter to Amerind granting extension of time until July 1, 1985 to begin drilling Carter #2.
4/16/85	Carter #1 well completed.
4/19/85	Shell declined to farmout its interest in Carter #2 well to Amerind.

Chronology Continued:

4/26/85	Shell sent letter to Amerind advising of farmout of its interest to Le Flore Oil and Gas and advising that Le Flore will participate in the Carter #2.
5/1/85	Le Flore sent letter to Amerind requesting updated AFE and copy of Joint Operating Agreement.
5/6/85	Amerind filed application for permit to drill Carter #2, stating approximate date work is to start as May 10, 1985.
5/8/85	OCD hearing on application for unorthodox location of Carter #2.
5/9/85	Amerind sent letter to Le Flore refusing to allow Le Flore to participate.
5/12/85	Carter #2 well spudded.
5/14/85	OCD Order No. R-7796-A issued allowing unorthodox location.
5/15/85	Le Flore receives Amerind letter refusing to allow Le Flore to participate in well.
6/7/85	Le Flore sent letter to Amerind attempting to negotiate Le Flore's participation in the Carter #2.
6/15/85	Carter #2 well completed.
6/21/85	Amerind sent letter to Le Flore advising of completion of Carter #2.
7/2/85	Le Flore received Amerind's letter of 6/21/85.
7/8/85	Le Flore filed application to reopen Case No. 8457.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

R. L. Stamets, Director Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

HAND DELIVERED

Re: Case No. 8457

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Enclosed is Amerind's proposed Order No. R-7796-B regarding the Applicaton of LeFlore Oil & Gas, Inc. to reopen the above case.

Also enclosed is an original Affidavit of Bill Seltzer, designated Amerind Exhibit No. 2. Due to the course of the proceedings, I was unable to submit it as an exhibit at the hearing. However, I request that it be included in the record.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

James Bruce

JGB:jr Enclosures

Karen Aubrey, Esq. w/enc.

Mr. Robert C. Leibrock, w/enc.

Mr. Bill Seltzer, w/enc.

Conrad E. Coffield, Esq. w/enc.



March 15, 1985

Cleroy, Inc. 512 Mayo Building P.O. Box 3405 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 8457 Amoint Oil 6.

Re: NE/4 Section 28-16S-37E Lea County, New Mexico

Casey Prospect

Gentlemen:

Our records indicate that you own an interest in the captioned unit and were named as a respondent in Amerind Oil Company's applications to force pool (Case 8457 - W/2 NE/4 Section 28 and Case 8458 - E/2 NE/4 Section 28).

In the event that you have not already committed your interest in this unit, LeFlore Oil & Gas, Inc. respectfully requests that you consider the following:

- 1. Sell your interest for a mutually agreeable price;
- 2. In lieu of a cash bonus, farmout your leasehold or lease your minerals, reserving an overriding royalty interest of 1/8 of 8/8 inclusive (i.e., you would deliver a 75% net revenue interest lease to LeFlore). At 100% payout, you would have the option to convert a 1/16th of your reserved overriding royalty interest to a proportionately reduced 25% working interest.

Inasmuch as the above pooling hearings have been heard by the Conservation Commission, your earliest review and response to this proposal is necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

LEFLORE OIL & GAS, INC.

Gene Tate

GT: 1r



March 15, 1985

Cleroy, Inc. 512 Mayo Building P.O. Box 3405 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 Americal Oil 6
9/18/85

Re: NE/4 Section 28-16S-37E Lea County, New Mexico Casey Prospect

Gentlemen:

Our records indicate that you own an interest in the captioned unit and were named as a respondent in Amerind Oil Company's applications to force pool (Case 8457 - W/2 NE/4 Section 28 and Case 8458 - E/2 NE/4 Section 28).

In the event that you have not already committed your interest in this unit, LeFlore Oil & Gas, Inc. respectfully requests that you consider the following:

- Sell your interest for a mutually agreeable price;
- 2. In lieu of a cash bonus, farmout your leasehold or lease your minerals, reserving an overriding royalty interest of 1/8 of 8/8 inclusive (i.e., you would deliver a 75% net revenue interest lease to LeFlore). At 100% payout, you would have the option to convert a 1/16th of your reserved overriding royalty interest to a proportionately reduced 25% working interest.

Inasmuch as the above pooling hearings have been heard by the Conservation Commission, your earliest review and response to this proposal is necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

LEFLORE OIL & GAS, INC.

Gene Tate

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Care File Mr. R. L. Stamets, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: Case No. 8457

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Regarding Samson Resources' objection to Amerind's tendered exhibit by Bill Seltzer: First, the affidavit contains no hearsay evidence. The statements in the affidavit are made on the personal knowledge of Mr. Seltzer. Second, the strict rules of evidence are not adhered to at hearings. OCD Rules on Procedure 1210, 1212. Third, I was informed that witnesses were not to appear, and therefore Mr. Seltzer did not appear personally.

For the foregoing reasons, Amerind requests that the objection of Samson Resources be overruled.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

James Bruce

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cc: Karen Aubrey, Esq.

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R. L. Stamets, Director Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

HAND DELIVERED

Re: Case No. 8457

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Dear Mr. Stamets:

Enclosed is Amerind's proposed Order No. R-7796-B regarding the Applicaton of LeFlore Oil & Gas, Inc. to reopen the above case.

Also enclosed is an original Affidavit of Bill Seltzer, designated Amerind Exhibit No. 2. Due to the course of the proceedings, I was unable to submit it as an exhibit at the hearing. However, I request that it be included in the record.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

James Bruce

JGB:jr Enclosures

Karen Aubrey, Esq. w/enc.
Mr. Robert C. Leibrock, w/enc.

Mr. Bill Seltzer, w/enc.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8457 Order No. R-7796-B

APPLICATION OF LEFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC., TO REOPEN CASE NO. 8457

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this ____ day of October, 1985, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented, the exhibits received, the statements of counsel, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, LeFlore Oil and Gas, Inc. ("LeFlore"), seeks an order reopening Case No. 8457.
- (3) That Case No. 8457 came on for hearing before the Oil Conservation Division on January 30, 1985, upon the application

of Amerind Oil Company ("Amerind") seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying the W/2NE/4 of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Proper notice of Case No. 8457 was given to all parties interested therein.

- (4) That on January 30, 1985, the Oil Conservation Division issued Order No. R-7796 pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying the W/2NE/4 of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Order No. R-7796 authorized Amerind to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well drilled at an orthodox location.
- (5) That the mineral interest owned by Shell Western Exploration & Production, Inc. ("Shell") underlying the W/2NE/4 of said Section 28 was validly pooled by Order No. R-7796. Although notified of Case No. 8457, Shell did not enter an appearance nor object to the entry of Order No. R-7796.
- (6) That pursuant to paragraph 3 of Order No. R-7796, Amerind sent copies of Order No. R-7796 and an itemized schedule of estimated well costs (an "AFE") to Shell by letter dated March 26, 1985. The letter, Order, and AFE were received by Shell on March 28, 1985.
- (7) That by letter dated April 26, 1985, Shell notified Amerind that it had farmed out its interest in the W/2NE/4 of Section 28 to LeFlore, and informed Amerind that LeFlore wished to participate in the well located on the W/2NE/4 of said Section 28. LeFlore acquired its interest from Shell subject to Crder

- No. R-7796 and the AFE received by Shell, and Amerind was not required to subsequently furnish an Order or AFE to LeFlore.
- (8) That under paragraph 4 of Order No. R-7796, Shell or its successor, LeFlore, was required to pay its share of estimated well costs to Amerind within 30 days of the date the AFE was furnished to Shell. Neither Shell nor LeFlore paid or tendered its share of well costs to Amerind within 30 days of March 26, 1985, and thus did not comply with Order No. R-7796.
- (9) That Order No. R-7796 provides in paragraph 1 that the drilling of a well on the W/2NE/4 of Section 28 was to be commenced on or before May 1, 1985, "unless [Amerind] obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown." Furthermore, paragraph 13 of Order No. R-7796 provides that "[j]urisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary."
- (10) That pursuant to the terms of Order No. R-7796, and by letter dated April 11, 1985, Amerind sought a time extension to commence drilling its Carter No. 2 Well on the above described spacing and proration unit from the Oil Conservation Division.
- (11) That by letter dated April 15, 1985, the Oil Conservation Division granted Amerind an extension of time until July 1, 1985, to commence drilling the well, pursuant to the time extension provisions of Order No. R-7796.
- (12) That by Case No. 8587, Amerind sought an amendment of Division Order No. R-7796 to change the proposed location of the Carter No. 2 Well to an unorthodox oil well location 1330 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said

Section 28. Notice of Case No. 8587 was given according to the rules of the Division.

- (13) That Case No. 8587 was heard by the Division on May 8, 1985.
- (14) That on May 14, 1985, the Division issued Order No. R-7796-A, amending Order No. R-7796 as requested by Amerind. All other provisions of Order No. R-7796 remained in effect.
- (15) That Amerind commenced drilling the Carter No. 2 Well before July 1, 1985, and timely drilled and completed the well.
- (16) That on July 8, 1985, application was made by LeFlore to reopen Case No. 8457, claiming that Order No. R-7796 was extended without notice to LeFlore and that Amerind failed to timely commence drilling the Carter No. 2 Well.
- (17) That Shell and its successor, LeFlore, have received such notice of the proceedings in Case Nos. 8457 and 8587 and notification of events as required by Order No. R-7796 as they were entitled to.
- (18) That Amerind has fully complied with the terms of Orders No. R-7796 and No. 7796-A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 8457 should not be reopened.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the day and year hereinabove designated.

-5-Case No. 8457 Order No. R-7796-B

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JIM BACA, MEMBER

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R. L. STAMETS, CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LEFLORE OIL AND GAS, INC. TO REOPEN CASE NO. 8457

Case No. -8457

EEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSI I
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AFFIDAVIT OF BILL SELTZER

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

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Submitted Date	9/18/85

Bill Seltzer, being duly sworn upon oath, states:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen years and I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am an independent land consultant in Midland, Texas. I worked as the landman for Amerind Oil Company in matters related to Case No. 8457, which was a compulsory pooling case involving a tract of land in Lea County, New Mexico, on which Amerind sought to drill and has drilled its Carter #2 Well.
- 3. After a hearing on Case No. 8457 the Oil Conservation Division promulgated its Order No. R-7796 force pooling, among others, Shell Western Exploration & Production, Inc. Order No. R-7796 required a well to be commenced on or before May 1, 1985.
- 4. Due to well completion problems on an Amerind well on land adjoining the Carter #2 unit, I sought an extension of time on behalf of Amerind in which to commence drilling the Carter #2 well. This request was made by my letter to the OCD dated April 11, 1985, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5. Prior to requesting the extension of time from the OCD,
 I informed Mr. Terry Enders of Shell Western Exploration &
 Production, Inc. by phone on April 4, 1985 that Amerind was

requesting a 30 day extension of time to drill the #2 Carter well and the extension of time for the drilling of the #2 Carter would not extend the time that Shell must respond to the compulsory pooling notice (30 days from March 26, 1985). A copy of a portion of my telephone bill for April 1985 is attached hereto as Exhibit B, indicating the call to Shell.

6. On April 26, 1985, I returned a call that Mr. Terry Enders of Shell had placed to me and again informed him the OCD had granted the extension of time but Amerind would commence operations immediately after the OCD approved our request for an unorthodox location. A copy of a portion of my telephone bill for April 1985 is attached as Exhibit C, indicating the call to Shell.

Bill Seltzer

507 Petroleum Building Midland, Texas 79701

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 13th day of September, 1985, by Bill Seltzer.

My Commission Expires:

Charlette M. Larson

CHARLOTTE M. LARSON, NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8-2-88

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BILL SELTZER 507 PETROLEUM BUILDING MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

April 11, 1985

Re: Case No. 8457 Order No. R-7796 T-16-S, R-37-E Section 28: W/2 NE/4 Amerind #2 Carter

> Case No. 8458 Order No. R-7797 T-16-S, R-37-E Section 28: E/2 NE/4 Amerind #1 Carter

Lea County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Mr. R.L. Stamets, Director

Gentlemen:

On January 30, 1985 the above orders were issued by the Oil Conservation Division to which reference is hereby made and orders are attached hereto.

Amerind Oil Co. commenced drilling their #1 Carter under order No. 7797 on February 28, 1985 and said well reached a total depth of 11,775 feet on March 29, 1985. Amerind ran logs, set pipe to the total depth and perforated the Strawn formation in said well. On a 24 hour swabbing test the #1 Carter is producing 140 barrels of oil and 300 barrels of water. Amerind is now installing a pumping system, building tank batteries and electrical connection preparatory to placing the well on production. Due to the fact the #1 Carter is producing an excessive amount of water, the completion of said well has been delayed. We anticipate this well to be completed in the first week of May 1985. Amerind plans to use the same drilling rig now on location of the #1 Carter for the drilling of their #2 Carter which had a commencement date of May 1, 1985.

Simultaneously with this request Amerind is making an application to be heard on the May 8th, 1985 docket for an unorthodox location for their #2 Carter in order that the well may be drilled at a more favorable geological location. Therefore we respectfully request the Division to grant Amerind Oil Co. a 30 day extension of time to commence the drilling of their #2 Carter under Order No. 7796.

If anything additionally is needed in order to grant this request, please call.

Yours very truly,

Amerind Oil Co.

 Copy of Order No. R-7796
 Copy of Order No. R-7797 Attachments:

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