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Mr. Thomas Kellahin Re: Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico	CASE NO. 9290 ORDER NO.R-8622 Applicant: Foran Oil Company
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two copies o Division order recently entered in	f the above-referenced the subject case.
Sincerely,	
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NApril 13, 1988

"Certified Return-Receipt Requested"

Doris Cross McAdoo 2048 Amherst Drive S. Pasadena, CA 91030

Re: Foran Oil Company
Caudill No. 2-8
Twin Lakes Prospect
NMOCD Order R-8622
Section 8, Tl6S, R37E, NMPM
Lea County, New Mexico

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Re: Foran Oil Company Caudill No. 2-8 Twin Lakes Prospect NMOCD Order R-8622 Section 8, Tl6S, R37E, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico

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Standard Oil Production Co. P. O. Box 4587 Houston, Texas 77210

Attn: Mr. James D. Sikes

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Explorers Petroleum Corp.
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Yates Energy Corp. Fred G. Yates, Inc. 1010 Sunwest Centre Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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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. 9290 Order No. R-8622

APPLICATION OF FORAN OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 3, 1988, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 28th day of March, 1988, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Foran Oil Company, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to a depth of approximately 12,000 feet underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing and the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 8 to form a 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on statewide 40-acre spacing.
- (3) Both units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of said Section 8.
- (4) There are interest owners in the proposed proration units who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (5) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said units the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the production in any pool completion resulting from this order, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said units.
- (6) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and units.
- (7) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) Any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) At the time of the hearing the applicant proposed that the reasonable monthly fixed charges for supervision while re-entering/deepening and producing should be \$5500.00 and \$550.00, respectively.
- (12) The above drilling and producing charges are in excess of the normal monthly fixed charges in this area for a well to a comparable depth and should therefore be adjusted to reflect a more reasonable rate.
- (13) \$5000.00 per month while drilling and \$500.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting

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> working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (14) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (15) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled units to commence drilling of the well to which said units are dedicated on or before June 1, 1988, the order pooling said units should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (16) Should all the parties to this force pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order should thereafter be of no further effect.
- (17) The operator of the well and units should notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface to an approximate depth of 12,000 feet underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing and the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 8 to form a 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on statewide 40-acre spacing, both aforementioned units to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of said Section 8.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said units shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of June, 1988, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth of approximately 12,000 feet;

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PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of June, 1988, Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) Foran Oil Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and units.
- (3) After the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject units an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
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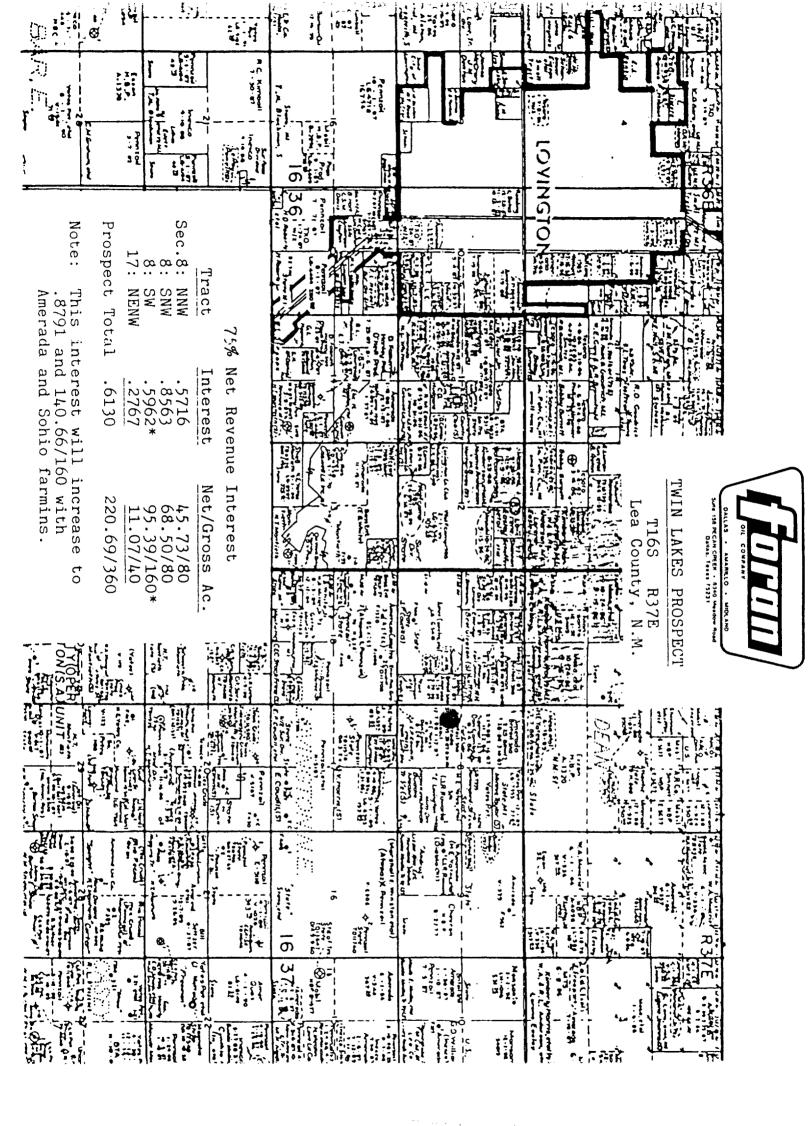
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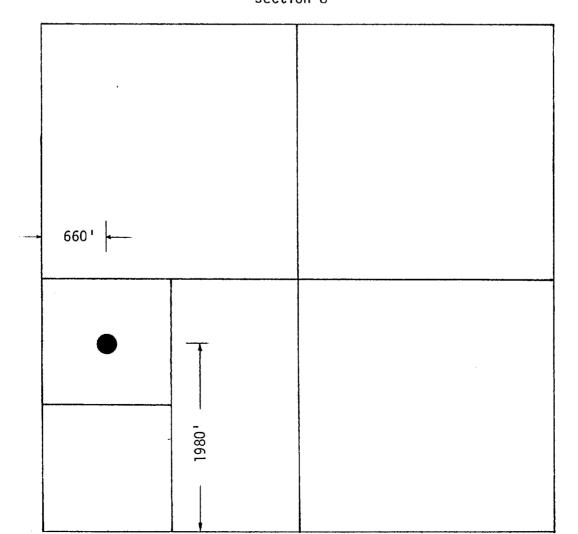
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Re: Foran Oil Company Caudill 2-8 Well Twin Lakes Prospect NMOCD Case 9290 Order R-8622

Dear Mr. LeMay:

W. Thomas Kellahin

Karen Aubrey

Jason Kellahin Of Counsel

Our firm represented Foran Oil Company before the Division in two compulsory pooling cases. The first was for the Rouse No. 1-5 Well now being drilled pursuant to Case 9289, Order R-8616.

Foran Oil Company desires to use the same rig to drill and complete the Rouse well and the Caudill 2-8 well which is also in this area. They do not expect to complete the Rouse well until late June.

Order R-8622 for the Caudill 2-8 well required that it be commenced by June 1, 1988. We would appreciate an extension of that drilling commencement date until September 1, 1988 to give Mr. Foran the opportunity to use the same rig for both of these wells.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK:ca

cc: Joe Foran

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. 9290 Order No. R-8622

APPLICATION OF FORAN OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 3, 1988, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 28th day of March, 1988, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Foran Oil Company, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to a depth of approximately 12,000 feet underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing and the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 8 to form a 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on statewide 40-acre spacing.
- (3) Both units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of said Section 8.
- (4) There are interest owners in the proposed proration units who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (5) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said units the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the production in any pool completion resulting from this order, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said units.
- (6) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and units.
- (7) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) Any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) At the time of the hearing the applicant proposed that the reasonable monthly fixed charges for supervision while re-entering/deepening and producing should be \$5500.00 and \$550.00, respectively.
- (12) The above drilling and producing charges are in excess of the normal monthly fixed charges in this area for a well to a comparable depth and should therefore be adjusted to reflect a more reasonable rate.
- (13) \$5000.00 per month while drilling and \$500.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting

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> working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (14) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (15) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled units to commence drilling of the well to which said units are dedicated on or before June 1, 1988, the order pooling said units should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (16) Should all the parties to this force pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order should thereafter be of no further effect.
- (17) The operator of the well and units should notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface to an approximate depth of 12,000 feet underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing and the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 8 to form a 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on statewide 40-acre spacing, both aforementioned units to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of said Section 8.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said units shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of June, 1988, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth of approximately 12,000 feet;

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PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of June, 1988, Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) Foran Oil Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and units.
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director

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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Case 9290

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Attention: W. Thomas Kellahin

Re: Foran Oil Company

Extension of Drilling

Commencement Date Pursuant To Division Order No. R-8622

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

This is in reference to your letter of April 25, 1988, in which you request an extension of the drilling commencement date until September 1, 1988, for your Caudill 2-8 Well. It is my understanding that this request is being made because Foran Oil Company desires to use the same drilling rig that will be utilized on an offsetting well which should be completed in late June. It appears that an extension of 90 days is somewhat excessive; therefore, you are hereby authorized a 45-day extension on the provisions of said Order No. R-8622. If at that time a further extension is needed, the Division will entertain such a request for good cause shown.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. (LEMAY

Director

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cc: Joe Foran