



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE\*  
(Other instructions on re-  
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BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1994  
Expires August 31, 1993

LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.  
USA NM 05551  
IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

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RECEIVED

1. OIL WELL ☐ GAS WELL ☒ OTHER ☐  
2. NAME OF OPERATOR  
Marathon Oil Company  
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR  
P. O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702  
4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. See also space 17 below.)  
At surface  
1650' FWL & 330' FSL

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME  
8. FARM OR LEASE NAME  
North Indian Basin Unit  
9. WELL NO.  
8  
10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT  
Indian Basin  
11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLE. AND SURVEY OR AREA  
Sec. 9, T-21-S, R-23-E

14. PERMIT NO.  
API #30-015-26324  
15. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)  
3973' GL  
12. COUNTY OR PARISH  
Eddy  
13. STATE  
NM

16. Check Appropriate Box To Indicate Nature of Notice, Report, or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:

TEST WATER SHUT-OFF

FRACTURE TREAT

SHOOT OR ACIDIZE

REPAIR WELL

(Other)

PULL OR ALTER CASING

MULTIPLE COMPLETE

ABANDON\*

CHANGE PLANS

SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

WATER SHUT-OFF

FRACTURE TREATMENT

SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING

(Other) Casing & cementing OPS

REPAIRING WELL

ALTERING CASING

ABANDONMENT\*

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Drilled 11" hole to 2000'. TOH & change rams to 8-5/8", tested door seals to 1500 psi. Ran 46 jts, 8-5/8", 24#, K-55, STC csg to 2000' w/ FC @ 1952'. R.O. B.J. & tested lines to 3000 psi. Cmt'd w/ 535 sx "C" + 4% gel, 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 #/sk salt, 5 #/sk gilsonite, 1/4 #/sk celloflake. Tailed in w/ 200 sx "C" + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Cement in place @ 1300 hrs 4-9-90. Did not circulate cement to surface. WOC 4 hours. Ran temperature survey, found TOC @ 280'. Performed top job w/ 100 sx "C" + 3% CaCl<sub>2</sub>, circulated 20 sx to pit. Set slips. N.U. 13-5/8" x 11" 3M spool, tested seals to 1000 psi. N.U. 13-5/8" 3M dual ram BOP & annular preventer. Tested rams, choke manifold to 3000 psi, tested annular to 1500 psi. Tested csg to 1500 psi. Ran accumulator performance test, IP-2600#, FP 1750#, 1:15 minutes to recharge. Trip in hole, found TOC @ 1939'. Drilled cement to 1980', tested shoe joint to 1350 psi. Resumed drilling formation @ 0915 hrs 4-10-90 with 7-7/8" bit.

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APR 26 1990

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18. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

SIGNED

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

TITLE Drilling Superintendent

DATE

4/24/90

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APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE

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Budget Classification  
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1650' FWL & 330' FSL

APR 30 '90

Q. C. D.

RESERVA OFFICE

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME

8. FARM OR LEASE NAME

North Indian Basin Unit

9. WELL NO.

8

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Indian Basin

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MULTIPLE COMPLETE

ABANDON\*

CHANGE PLANS

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Set 40' of 20" conductor and cement w/ redimix. Rig up 20" annular preventer. Spud 17-1/2" hole at 1030 hrs 4-04-90. Drilled to 190' and lost total returns. Conductor pipe and cellar washed out. Contacted Adam Salameh w/ BLM in Carlsbad to set casing at 190'. Ran 5 jts., 13-3/8", 48#, K-55, STC casing to 190'. R.U. BJ and tested lines to 3000 psi and cemented with 280 sx Class "C" + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> + 1/4 #/sk floreal. Cement in place at 1505 hrs 4-05-90. Circulated 140 sx to pit. Cut 20" and 13-3/8" casing and installed 13-3/8" SOW x 13-5/8" 3M wellhead and tested to 600 psi. Nippled up 13-5/8" 3M dual BOP and 3M annular. Tested choke manifold, safety valves, rams, annular to 3000 psi. Ran accumulator performance test: Initial pressure - 2500#, final pressure - 1700#, recharge time 80 seconds. Total WOC time 21.5 hrs. TIH w/ 12-1/4" bit and tag insert float collar at 147', drilled FC and 20' of cement to 167'. Tested casing to 1150 psi. Resumed drilling formation at 1830 hrs 4-06-90.

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UNITED STATES  
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE  
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Butcher Bur. L.N. 1041-  
Expires April 1, 1993  
LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL  
USA NM 05551  
IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

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1. OIL WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME
2. NAME OF OPERATOR Marathon Oil Company	8. FARM OR LEASE NAME North Indian Basin Unit
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR P. O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702	9. WELL NO. 8
4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. See also space 17 below.) At surface 1650' FWL & 330' FSL	10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT Indian Basin
14. PERMIT NO. API# 30-015-26324	11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLE. AND SURVEY OR AREA Sec. 9, T-21-S, R-23-E
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	13. STATE NM

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PULL OR ALTER CASING

FRACTURE TREAT

MULTIPLE COMPLETION

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ABANDON\*

REPAIR WELL

CHANGE PLANS

(Other)

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FRACTURE TREATMENT

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Propose to set 13-3/8", 48#, K-55 casing at 190'.

Please refer to approved APD dated 10-31-89, which proposes a 13-3/8" casing setting depth of 250'.

18. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

SIGNED

TITLE Drilling Superintendent

DATE 4/9/90

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APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE 4-26-90

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UNITED STATES  
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE  
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Budget Bureau No. 1004-  
Expires August 31, 1985  
LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO. 5  
USA NM 05551  
IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME 6

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

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OIL WELL ☒ GAS WELL ☐ OTHER ☐  
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Marathon Oil Company  
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR  
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At surface  
1650' FWL & 330' FSL

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MAR 28 '90  
O.C.D.  
ARTESIA, OFFICE

14. PERMIT NO. 15. ELEVATIONS (Show whether OF, RT, GR, etc.)  
3973' GL  
7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME  
8. FARM OR LEASE NAME  
North Indian Basin Unit  
9. WELL NO.  
8  
10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT  
Indian Basin (Morrow)  
11. SEC., T., S., M., OR BLK. AND SURVEY OR AREA  
Sec. 9,  
T-21-S, R-23-E  
12. COUNTY OR PARISH 13. STATE  
Eddy NM

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FRACTURE TREAT ☐ MULTIPLE COMPLETION ☐  
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REPAIR WELL ☐ CHANGE PLANS ☒  
(Other) ☐

SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

WATER SHUT-OFF ☐ REPAIRING WELL ☐  
FRACTURE TREATMENT ☐ ALTERING CASING ☐  
SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING ☐ ABANDONMENT\* ☐  
(Other) ☐

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This notice is to amend the original APD which was approved 10-31-89.  
Current plans are to drill to the Morrow at an expected total depth of 9300'.  
Due to a change in depth to 9300' from the original permitted depth of 7700',  
the following casing and cementing program will apply.

Hole Size	Casing Size	Weight per Foot	Setting Depth	Quantity of Cement
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	15.5#, 17#	9300'	900 sx - TOC @ ± 1500'

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ARTESIA

18. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

SIGNED

TITLE Drilling Superintendent

DATE 3/19/90

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APPROVED BY

TITLE

DATE 3-27-90

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Artesia, NM 88210

30-015-26324

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

## 1a. TYPE OF WORK

DRILL ☒ 30 622 3 ☒ DEEPEN ☐ PLUG BACK ☐

## b. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  
WELL ☐GAS  
WELL ☒OTHER ☐SINGLE  
ZONE ☒MULTIPLE  
ZONE ☐

## 2. NAME OF OPERATOR

Marathon Oil Company ✓

## 3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR

P. O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702

NOV 1 - '89

## 4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)

At surface

1650' FWL &amp; 330' FSL

At proposed prod. zone

1650' FWL &amp; 330' FSL

O. C. D.

ARTESIA, OFFICE

## 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE\*

25 miles W N W of Carlsbad, NM

## 15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED\*

LOCATION TO NEAREST

PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT.

(Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)

330'

## 16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

640

## 17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED

TO THIS WELL

640

## 18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION\*

TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED,  
OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

2394'

## 19. PROPOSED DEPTH

7700

## 20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS

Rotary

## 21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3973' GL

## 22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START\*

11-15-89

## 23.

## PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	250'	300 Sx - Circulate
11"	8 5/8"	24#	2000'	700 Sx - Circulate
7 7/8"	5 1/2"	15.5#	7700'	700 Sx - Circulate

Propose to drill no deeper than 7700'.

Casing and cementing designs are in accordance with regulations &amp; by approved methods.

Blowout Preventer and related equipment shall be installed, maintained and tested

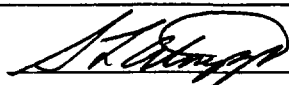
in a manner consistent with Oil and Gas Order No. 2. (See Exhibits)

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND  
SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

## 24.

SIGNED



TITLE

Drilling Superintendent

DATE

10/12/89

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PERMIT NO.

APPROVAL DATE

APPROVED BY Orig. Signed by Richard L. Manus

TITLE

AREA MAN

CARLSBAD FIELD

DATE

10/31/89

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

NSL + MSP

R-9050 (PENN)

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Submit to Appropriate  
District Office  
State Lease - 4 copies  
Fee Lease - 3 copies

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised 1-1-89

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

DISTRICT I  
P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II  
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

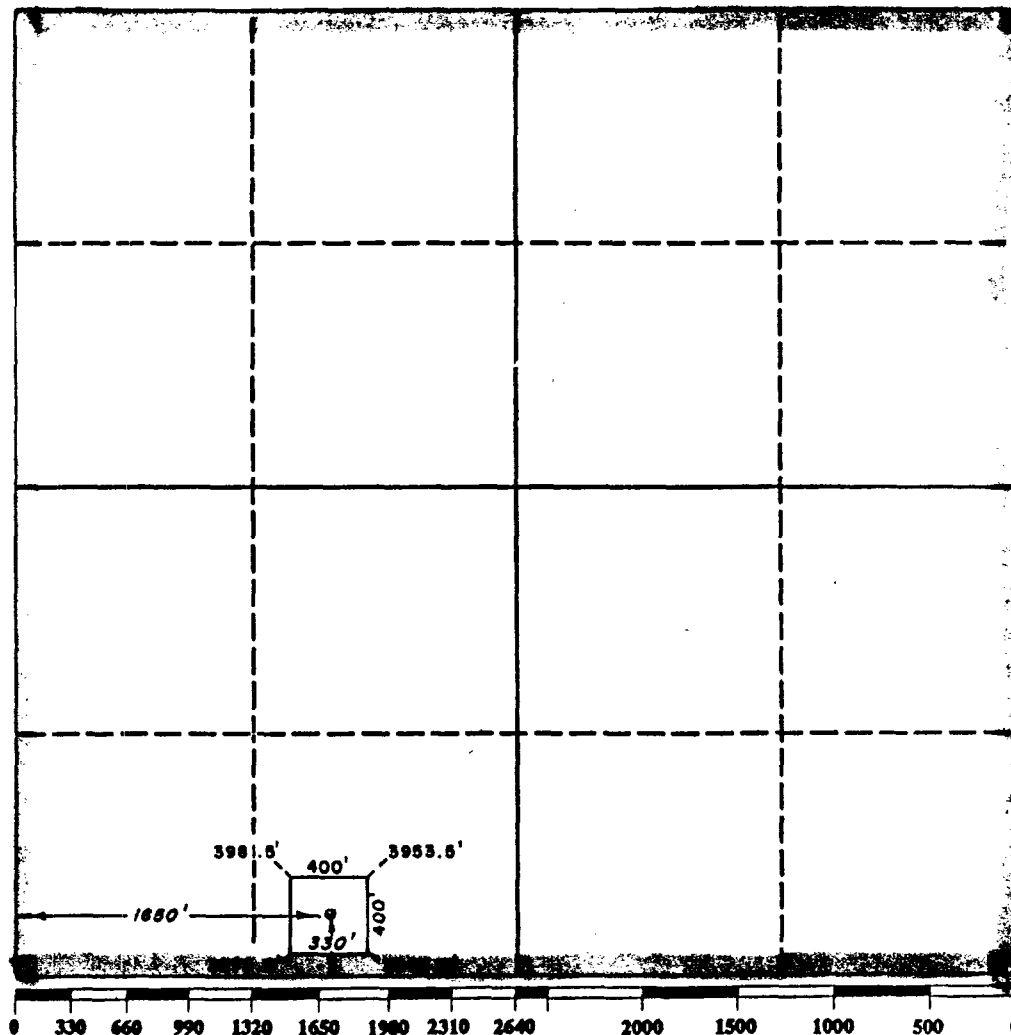
All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator MARATHON OIL COMPANY			Lease NORTH INDIAN BASIN UNIT		Well No. 8
Unit Letter N	Section 9	Township 21-SOUTH	Range 23-EAST	County NMPM	EDDY
Actual Footage Location of Well: 330 feet from the SOUTH line and 1650 feet from the WEST line					
Ground level Elev. 3973.0'	Producing Formation Upper Penn		Pool Indian Basin	Dedicated Acreage: 640 Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?  
☒ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation Unitization SJS

If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary).

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

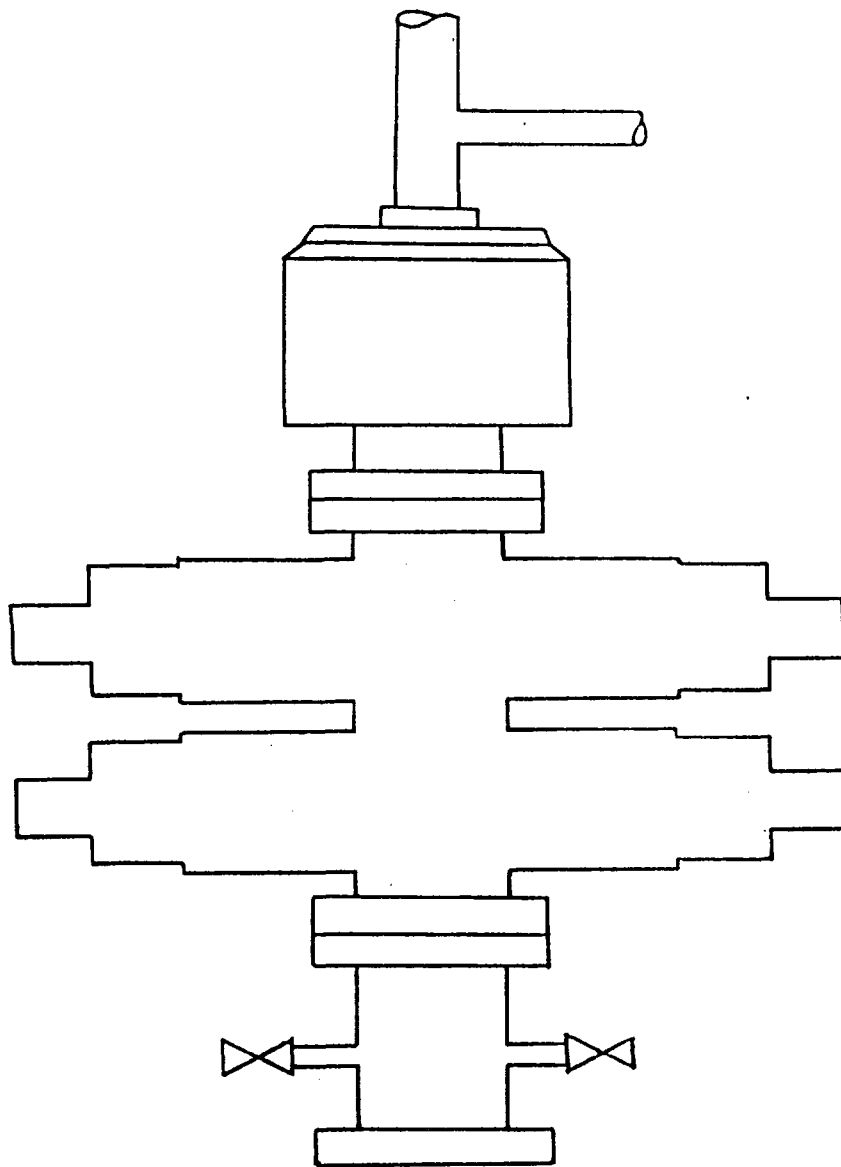
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature  
*Stanley L. Atnipp*  
Printed Name  
Stanley L. Atnipp  
Position  
Drilling Superintendent  
Company  
Marathon Oil Company  
Date  
10/2/89

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

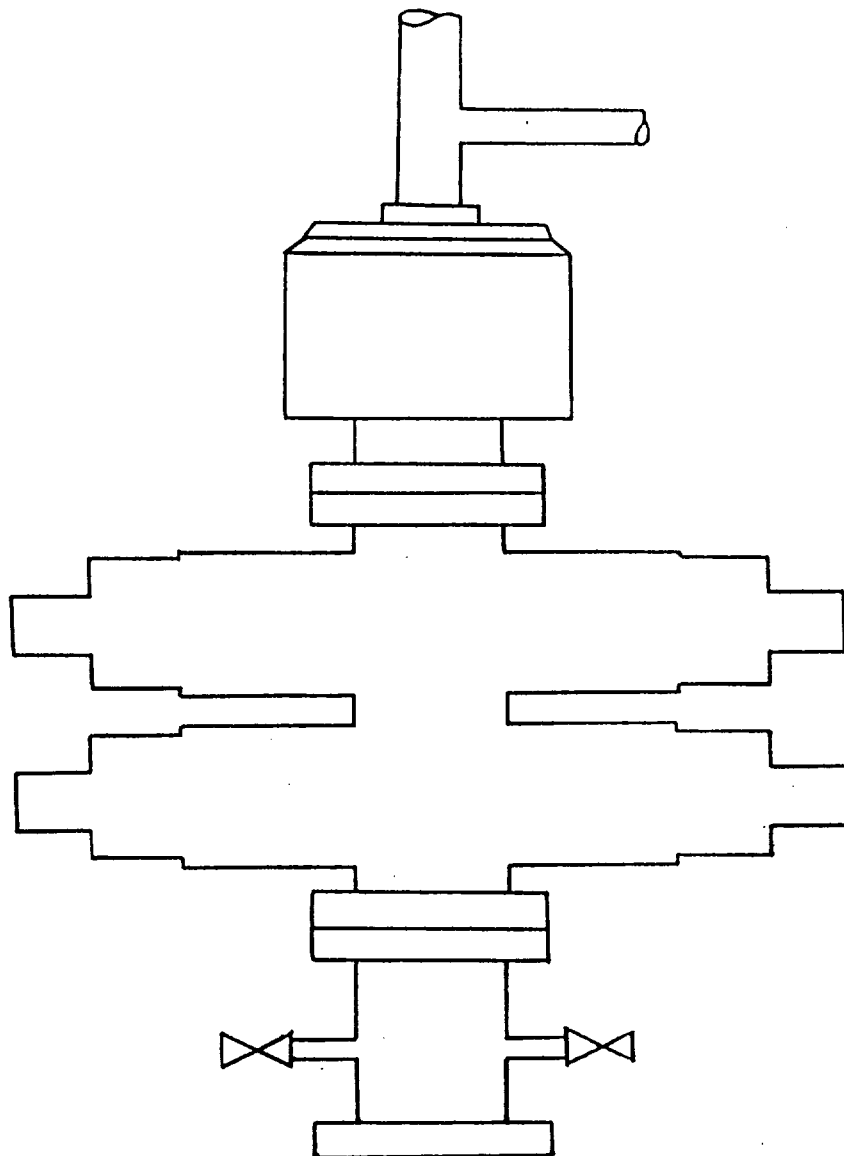
Date Surveyed  
SEPTEMBER 1989  
Signature & Seal  
Professional Surveyor  
No. 3239  
Certificate No. 3239  
RONALD DEANSON



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EXHIBIT "A"  
N. INDIAN BASIN U #8  
BOP STACK ARRANGEMENT  
13 3/8" SURFACE CASING





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EXHIBIT "B"  
N. INDIAN BASIN U #8  
BOP STACK ARRANGEMENT  
8 5/8" INTERMEDIATE CASING

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. 9802  
ORDER NO. R-9050

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION  
AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 1, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Victor T. Lyon.

NOW, on this 21st day of November, 1989, 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, Marathon Oil Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, to produce from the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) All of said Section 9 is proposed to be dedicated to said well replacing the existing North Indian Basin Unit Well No. 5 located at a standard gas well location 1815 feet from the South line and 1752.3 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 9 forming a 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.
- (4) The case was advertised for simultaneous dedication of the spacing and proration unit as well as an unorthodox location, but applicant indicated its intent to plug the existing well upon completion of the replacement well and therefore does not seek simultaneous dedication.

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Order No. R-9050  
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(5) Oryx Energy Company (Oryx) appeared in protest of the application and presented evidence designed to show the unorthodox location was contrary to the rules and would adversely affect Oryx's correlative rights.

(6) Applicant's testimony showed that its North Indian Basin Well No. 5 ceased to flow because of mechanical conditions in the well and needed to be replaced to permit the owners under the gas proration unit (GPU) to recover their just and equitable share of gas from the reservoir.

(7) The testimony showed that the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool is a water drive reservoir and it is logical and prudent in such a reservoir to locate wells as high as possible on the structure to maximize recovery of gas from the GPU.

(8) The Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool is prorated under the provisions of Order No. R-8170, and its special pool rules are designed to place wells reasonably in the center of the dedicated acreage or GPU.

(9) Both applicant and Oryx presented geologic testimony which, though differing in some details, generally agreed the proposed location for the replacement well was up-dip from the present well and closer to Oryx's GPU located in Section 17 than a standard location. The expert witnesses did not agree on whether a well at the proposed location would more adversely affect Oryx's gas recovery from their GPU than a well at a standard location.

(10) Testimony and geologic exhibits from both parties demonstrated that a standard location could be drilled that would adequately replace the damaged well on this GPU.

(11) The Division has found it necessary and advisable in some instances to approve unorthodox locations in exception to the pool rules in order for a GPU operator to have a reasonable chance to recover the gas underlying his acreage because of close proximity to the gas-water contact or some other limitation to the productivity of his GPU. In such cases, it is customary for the Division to penalize the well's allowable.

(12) Applicant has failed to show necessity for an unorthodox location because of structural or other problems.

(13) If the well is drilled at the proposed location a sizable penalty should be applied to the well's allowable based on the distance the well is moved from a standard location toward the GPU boundary.

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(14) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the affected pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The application of Marathon Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 330 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

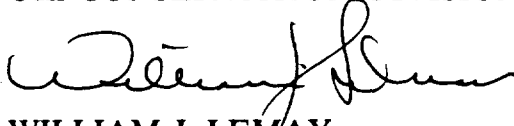
(2) All of said Section 9 shall be simultaneously dedicated to the above-described well and the existing North Indian Basin Unit Well No. 5 located at a standard gas well location 1815 feet from the South line and 1752.3 feet from the East line (Unit J) forming a 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

(3) In order to protect correlative rights and promote orderly development and well spacing, the allowable assigned the above-described gas proration unit shall be penalized in the proportion of distance the well is moved from a standard location toward the unit boundary, 1320/1650 or 80%, and the allowable should therefore be 20% of the normal allowable for a standard unit.

(4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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

**CASE NO. 9802 DE NOVO  
Order No. R-9050-A**

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION  
AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 1990, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 1990, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

**FINDS THAT:**

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 1990, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

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