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June 21, 1991

Mr. David R. Catanach Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

HAND DELIVERED

Re: NMOCD Case No. 10306 Order No. R-9522-A

> Application of Conoco Inc. for Surface Commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear David:

Jerry Hoover and I have prepared a suggested Nunc Pro Tunc order for your consideration in the referenced case. I have enclosed a copy of the proposed order and a copy of our WordPerfect disk for you consideration.

Very tuly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/tic Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jerry Hoover Conoco Inc.

> 10 Desta Drive West Midland, Texas 79705

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surface commingling and off-lease storage of all North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool Production from existing wells and subsequently drilled wells on the following leases:

## Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM

NM/4 Section 19 Lodewick "A" Lease: SW/4 Section 18 Lehman Federal Lease: S/2 Section 17, Barbara Federal Lease: E/2 and NW/4, Section 18 NW/4 Section 17 Jenny Com Lease: NE/4 Section 17 Julie Com Lease: Dagger Draw Federal Lease: NW/4 and E/2, Section 30 SW/4 Section 19 Dagger Draw Fee Lease:

#### Township 19 South, Range 24 East, NMPM

Dee State Lease (K-6385): SE/4 Section 36 Dee State Lease (LG-1525): SW/4 Section 36

- (4) The applicant also requests that this production may be stored off-lease and surface commingled at any of the current existing facilities or any future developed facilities on the above identified leases.
- (5) The applicant further requests that the current groupings of wells and leases with existing facilities may be realigned as needed in the future to maintain the most cost effective and recovery efficient operations for these leases and facilities.
- (6) Further testimony indicates that the proposed commingling will result in substantial savings of capital outlay and operating costs which will extend the economic life of the subject wells, thus allowing additional oil recovery and thereby preventing waste.
- (7) The applicant has notified each interest owner in the subject leases of its proposal including the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico.
- (8) No interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

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- (9) Subsequent to the hearing, the Division was informed that both the BLM and the Commissioner of Public Lands have tentatively approved the proposed commingling.
- (10) In order to correctly allocate production to each lease and well, the applicant proposes to separately meter the production from each lease or individual well, where participation interest may vary within the same lease, prior to commingling.
- (11) Approval of the proposed application is in the best interest of conservation, prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights.
- (12) The proposed installation should be installed and operated in accordance with the applicable provisions of Rule 303 of the Division Rules and Regulations and the Division "Manual for the Installation and Operation of Commingling Facilities."
- (13) Division Administrative Order Nos. CTB-332, CTB-338 and CTB-346 should be superseded by this order.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant, Conoco Inc., is hereby authorized to surface commingle and store off-lease all North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool production from existing wells and subsequently drilled wells on the following leases:

#### Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM

Lodewick "A" Lease:	NM/4 Section 19
Lehman Federal Lease:	SW/4 Section 18
Barbara Federal Lease:	S/2 Section 17,
	E/2 and $NW/4$ ,
	Section 18
Jenny Com Lease:	NW/4 Section 17
Julie Com Lease:	NE/4 Section 17
Dagger Draw Federal Lease:	NW/4 and $E/2$ ,
	Section 30
Dagger Draw Fee Lease:	SW/4 Section 19

# Township 19 South, Range 24 East, NMPM

Dee State Lease (K-6385): SE/4 Section 36 Dee State Lease (LG-1525): SW/4 Section 36

- (2) This production may be stored off-lease and surface commingled at any of the current existing facilities or any future developed facilities on the above identified leases.
- (3) The current groupings of wells and leases with existing facilities from surface commingling and off-lease storage may be realigned as needed in the future to maintain the most cost effective and recovery efficient operations for these leases and facilities.
- (4) In order to correctly allocate production to each lease, the applicant shall separately meter the production from each lease or from each well, where participation interests may vary within the same lease, prior to commingling.
- (5) The installation shall be installed and operated in accordance with the provisions of Rule 303 of the Division Rules and Regulations and the Division "Manual for the Installation and Operation of Commingling Facilities."
- (6) Division Administrative Orders Nos. CTB-332, CTB-338 and CTB-346 are hereby superseded by this order.
- (7) Jurisdiction is hereby 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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Midland Division
Exploration and Production

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive West Midland, TX 79705-4514 (915) 686-5400

May 28, 1991

Mr. Bruce Stockton Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148

Dear Mr. Stockton:

The first four pages attached to this letter is a copy of the approval by the Commissioner of Public Lands for Off-Lease Storage of Cisco Canyon Production from Lease K-6385 (Dee State No. 1) on Lease LG-1525 (Dee State No. 2) for your files.

The last two attached pages are two of the exhibits from our recent OCD hearing which identify the various commingling orders and storage facilities for Conoco operations in the North Dagger Draw Pool. The Dee State leases are the only state leases operated by Conoco in this pool. As EXHIBIT 3 illustrates, the Dee State Facility is somewhat isolated from the rest of our facilities and is expected to remain a separate entity from the rest of our operations.

I will appreciate your assistance in clarifying your position concerning the proposed OCD Order with David Catanach as soon as is practical. If I can be of any further help please call at (915) 686-6548. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

øerry W. Hoover

Senior Conservation Coordinator

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 10306 Order No. R-9522-A

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

#### BY THE DIVISION:

It appearing to the Division that Order No. R-9522, dated June 5, 1991, does not correctly state the intended order of the Division,

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Order R-9522 is hereby withdrawn in its entirety and the following order entered Nunc Pro Tunc as of June 5, 1991:

#### 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) By Division Administrative Order Nos. CTB-332, CTB-338 and CTB-346, Conoco Inc. was authorized to surface commingle North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool production from various State, Federal and Fee leases in Township 19 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Due to an active drilling program currently underway in the North Dagger Draw Pool, continued and frequent administrative amendments to the existing commingling and off-lease storage orders are anticipated. In order to eliminate this administrative burden for the applicant, and for the Oil Conservation Division, the applicant, Conoco Inc., seeks an order authorizing the



# State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

April 6, 1990

W. R. Humphries COMMISSIONER

Conoco. Inc. P.O. Box 460

**Advisory Board** 

Hobbs, New Mexico 88241

George Clark Chairman

ATTN:

RE:

Mr. David Wacker

Kristin Conniff Vice Chairman

Off-Lease Storage of Cisco Canyon Production

Melvin Cordova

Dee State No. 1 on State Lease K-6385

Joe Kelly

Dee State No. 2 on State Lease LG-1525

Robert Portilios Nancy Lynch Vigil

Rex Wilson

Gentlemen:

We received your letter dated March 2, 1990 wherein you request appproval to off-lease store all Cisco Canyon Production from the Dee State No. 1 well located in Section 36, T19S, R24E in Eddy New Mexico. According to your letter, the battery to be used for the off-lease storage is the Dee State No. 2 located in Section 36, T198, R24E.

Commissioner of Public Lands hereby grants approval to your offlease storage request as described above. Please be advised that any deviation from your proposed operations will sufficient reason to rescind our approval. Our approval like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation subject to Division.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Howarth at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours.

W.R. HUMPHRIES. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: I Soul & M and FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director Oil and Gas Division (505) 827-5749

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: September 5, 1991	NUMBER OF PAGES: 6
TIME:	(including cover)
TO: David Catanach	FROM: W. Thomas Kellahin
OF: Oil Conservation Division	OF: Kellahin, Kellahin, & Aubrey
FAX # 827-5741	FAX # 505/982-2047
RE: NM OCD Case No. 10306	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
Order No. R-9522-A	Confidential
Application of Conoco,	Urgent
Inc.	Please Reply
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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. 10306

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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#### PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by CONOCO, INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

#### APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT (name, address, phone and contact person)

ATTORNEY

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive West Midland, TX 79705 (915) 686-5400 Attn: Jerry Hoover W. Thomas Kellahin KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY P.O. Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (505) 982-4285 Pre-hearing Statement NMOCD Case No. 10306 Page 2

#### STATEMENT OF CASE

#### APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Conoco Inc. seeks an exception to Division (General) Rule 309-A for the surface commingling of North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool production from wells on 15 separate leases in an area comprising all of Section 17 and 18, W/2 of Section 19 and the N/2 and SE/4 of Section 30, all in Township 19, South, Range 25 East, and the S/2 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 24 East.

Pre-hearing Statement NMOCD Case No. 10306 Page 3

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

#### APPLICANT

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS (name and expertise) Jim Allen 30 Min. 1 - 9 (Production Engineer)

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to the hearing)

None.

KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY

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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO



# ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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June 6, 1991

KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY Attorneys at Law P. O. Drawer 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE:

**CASE NO. 10306** 

ORDER NO. R-9522

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Florene Davidson

OC Staff Specialist

FD/sl

cc:

BLM - Carlsbad

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO



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