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January 23, 1992

Mr. Robert James James Petroleum Trust CERTIFIED MAIL P.O. Box 4648 Tulsa, OK 74159

RETURN RECEIPT

Re: NE/4 NE/4 Section 9

T-9-S, R-34-E

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. James:

Pursuant to Rule 1207, notice is hereby given of an Application for Compulsory Pooling, under authority of Section 70-2-17 NMSA, has been filed by Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a hearing scheduled for February 20, 1992 at the State Land Office in Sante Fe, New Mexico. Rule 1207 (4) provides that all unopposed pooling applications will be set for hearing and that the Division finds the application acceptable, the information submitted with the application will be incorporated as the record of the case and an order be written therefrom. At the request of any interested party or the Division the pooling application will be set for full hearing with oral testimony. Should you desire to oppose the application please contact Mr. Michael Stogner, Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501 with a copy of such request to my attention.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Elliott

Attorney for Applicant Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.

Attorney at Law

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January 23, 1992

Case 10445

Mr. Michael Stogner Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Snate Fe, NM 87501

Re: Application for Compulsory Pooling Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. NE NE Sec. 9, T-9-S, R-34-E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed is the Application for Compulsory Pooling by Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. in triplicate. It is anticipated that this application will not be opposed and therefore the additional information required under Rule 1207 (2) is included in the application.

I understand that the next hearing docket is February 20, 1992 and request to be placed on that docket. My client has a lease expiration on March 28, 1992 and therefore an early docket would be helpful. If anything else is required please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours.

Robert G. Elliott

Attorney for Applicant

Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.



#### APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING

Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. is the applicant for a Compulsory Pooling hearing and pursuant to Rule 1203 makes this application.

### Rule 1203:

- (1) Applicant: Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.
- (2) Common source of supply: Jenkins NW (San Andres)

Area: NE/4 NE/4 Section 9, T-9-S, R-34-E Lea County, New Mexico

- (3) Order sought: Compulsory pooling for the re-entery of the Trice Production No. 2 Hutcherson well.
- (4) Other: The first lease expiration in the spacing unit is on March 28, 1992 and therefore an expidited order is requested.

No opposition for hearing is expected and therefore the following is included in this application pursuant to Rule 1207.

#### Rule 1207 A.(2)

- (i) Map & ownership: See attached Exhibit A.
- (ii) Parties to be pooled:

James Petroleum Trust

P.O. Box 4648

Tulsa, OK 74159

12.5% unleased & uncommitted mineral interest

Attai Pard Somes

C.D. Sands

no known address

.2083% unleased & uncommitted mineral interest

Amoco Production Company

P.O. Box 3092

Houston, TX 77253

.2083% unleased & uncommitted mineral interest

- (iii) Pool: Jenkins NW (San Andres)
- (iv) Oil or Gas: Oil
- (v) Written attemps to voluntarily pool:
   See attached Exhibit B.
- (vi) Geological Map: See attached Exhibit C.

Risk Assessment: Geological and engineering risk of economic success is 1 chance out of 3.

Risk penalty: Recovery of 200% above the recovery of 100% of re-entry, completion and operating costs. See Statement of Ronald O. Johnson for support of risk assessment.

(vii) Proposed overhead charges:

Drilling well rate: \$3,000/month

Producing well rate: \$300/month

The median monthly combined fixed overhead rates for West Texas and Eastern New Mexico for 1990 was \$3000 for drilling wells and \$300 for producing wells. Source: Survey by Ernst & Young.

- (viii) Re-entry of the Trice Production No. 2 Hutcherson
   well located 660' FN&EL of Section 9, T-9-S,
   R-34-E, Lea County, New Mexico to test the San
   Andres from 4,611' to 4,634'.
- (ix) Copy of AFE: See attached Exhibit D.

Attached are statements, sworn and notarized, by Ronald O. Johnson, geologist, concerning the geological map and risk assessment and by Robert G. Elliott, attorney and petroleum landman, concerning the evidence of attemps made to gain voluntary agreement to pool.

Favorable action on this application by the Oil Conservation Division will result in the prevention of

waste and the protection correlative rights. Due to the early lease expiration, the Applicant is requesting an expidited decision on its application.

### APPLICANT

Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.

By: Robert G. Elliott

Attorney for Applicant

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### Exhibit A

## <u>Ownership</u>

Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.	87.0834%
James Petroleum Trust	12.5000
C.D. Sands	.2083
Amoco Production Company	.2083
	100.0000%

NE/4 NE/4 Section 9 T-9-S, R-34-E Lea County, New Mexico Statement of Robert G. Elliott
Regarding Exhibit B to
Application for Compulsory Pooling
by Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.

Robert G. Elliott, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, upon his oath, deposes and says:

That he is an Attorney, licensed to practice in Kansas and Texas, and a petroleum landman, having earned a B.S. in Geography and an M.S. in Geology from the University of Kansas in 1967 and 1973 respectively and a J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1974, and that he was employed in the petroleum industry from 1975 to 1989 as a petroleum landman and attorney and has been a self employed petroleum landman and practicing attorney since 1989; and that he has testified before the Oil Conservation Division as an expert geological witness and landman in other matters in the past.

That he personally contacted the James Petroleum Trust with an offer to lease for the going rate in the immediate area by letter dated December 30, 1991, a copy of which is marked Exhibit B-1, and by telephone; that James Petroleum Trust made no written response to the offer to lease and that attempts to talk to them by telephone on January 10 were unsuccessful but that on January 13 he did reach Robert James who rejected the offer to lease and indicated they would rather be "force pooled" than to lease for the terms offered; that a letter dated January 14, a copy of which is marked Exhibit B-3, was sent to James Petroleum Trust requesting it to indicate that it would not oppose the application; that no written response was received and that by telephone on January 22 Robert James indicated that they would not oppose the application but would probably not return the letter indicating such.

That he personally contacted Amoco Production Company by telephone and by letter dated January 3, 1992, a copy of which is marked Exhibit B-2, regarding buying its interest; that based on a telephone conversation with Amoco's Tim Custer on January 23, it is anticipated that Amoco will agree to sell its interest in the near future and that in such event Applicant will ask the Oil Conservation Division to dismiss Amoco from this proceeding.

That an unsuccessful, diligent effort was made to locate C.D. Sands; that C.D. Sands acquired his mineral interest on June 1, 1960 and that he does not appear in the records for this tract

of land since that time, that a diligent search was made in the Midland County Library, Midland, Texas in all of the existing city directories for the years 1959 through 1962 in the cities of Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Abilene, Lubbock, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas and Lovington, Hobbs, Roswell, Carlsbad and Albuqueque, New Mexico and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with no trace of C.D. Sands or any other Sands with a similar name in any of the city directories.

That the information contained in this statement and the correspondence marked Exhibit B-1, B-2 and B-3 is true and complete to the best of his knowledge.

Robert G. Elliott

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23cd day of January, 1992.

My commission expires:

SHERI NEAL-COLLINS
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires 5-30-93

Notary Public for the State of Texas

Oil & Gas Properties
P.O. Box 5
Midland, Texas 79702
(915) 687-6750

Exhibit B-1

December 30, 1991

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Mr. David E. James James Petroleum Trust P.O. Box 4648 Tulsa, OK 74159

Re: NE/4 Sec. 9 & NW/4 Sec. 10

T-9-S, R-34-E

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. James:

I represent Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. located in Midland, Texas. Western would like to lease your undivided 1/8th mineral interest in the captioned land for \$25 per net mineral acre for a three year term providing for a 1/6th royalty. Your 1/8th interest amounts to a total of 40 net mineral acres and therefor your total bonus calculates to be \$1000.00.

If these terms are acceptable to you please return one signed copy of this letter to me and I will prepare the lease and draft for your execution.

Mon 3:15 pm Robert James

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Elliott

AGREED AND ACCEPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 1992.

JAMES PETROLEUM TRUST

Ву			
	David	R.	James

Oil & Gas Properties
P.O. Box 5
Midland, Texas 79702
(915) 687-6750
Exhibit B-2
January 3, 1992

Mr. Tim Custer Amoco Production Company P.O. Box 3092 Houston, TX 77253 113-556-3011

Re: E/2 Sec. 8, W/2 Sec. 9, NE/4 Sec. 9 & NW/4 Sec. 10 T-9-S, R-34-E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Tim:

As we discussed by telephone today, I represent Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. located in Midland, Texas. Western would like to purchase the undivided .002083 mineral interest owned by Amoco in the captioned land which amounts to a total of 2 net acres. Western will pay Amoco a total of \$250.00 for all of its mineral interest which is more than 4 to 5 times the going rate for an oil and gas lease.

At the December 1991 New Mexico lease sale Western bought four leases in Section 2 for \$29.50 per net acre. All of the fee leases in this prospect cost \$25 per net acre. The oil and gas target is the San Andres which produces about 15 barrels of heavy crude and 30 barrels of water per day from each of 2 wells located in Section 3 operated by Western and by Kerr McGee.

If \$250.00 is acceptable to Amoco please return one signed copy of this letter to me and I will prepare the mineral deed and draft for execution.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Elliott

AGREED AND ACCEPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 1992.

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Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 5
Midland, Texas 79702
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Exhibit B-3
January 14, 1992

Mr. Robert James
James Petroleum Trust
P.O. Box 4648
Tulsa, OK 74159

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT
#P987 118 413

Re: NE/4 NE/4 Section 9

T-9-S, R-34-E

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. James:

This letter confirms our telephone conversation of January 13, 1992 wherein you turned down the offer to lease your undivided 1/8th mineral interest set forth in my letter of December 30, 1991. You indicated that you would rather be force pooled.

An Application for Compulsory Pooling will be filed shortly for the re-entry by Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. of the Trice Production No. 2 Hutcherson located 660' FN&EL of Section 9, T-9-S, R-34-E, Lea County, New Mexico. The proposed operation will test the San Andres formation at 4,610' feet below the surface.

By signing and returning one copy of this letter you are indicating that you do not intend to oppose the application for compulsory pooling for the above operation.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Elliott

AGREED AND ACCEPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 1992.

JAMES PETROLEUM TRUST

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Statement of Ronald O. Johnson Regarding Exhibit C to Application for Compulsory Pooling by Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc.

Ronald O. Johnson, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, upon his oath, deposes and says:

That he is a Certified Petroleum Geologist, having earned a B.S. and an M.S. in Geology from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1971 and 1973 respectively, and that he was employed in the petroleum industry from 1973 to 1984 as a petroleum geologist and has been a self employed petroleum geologist since 1984; that he is currently President of the Southwest Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and that he has testified before the Oil Conservation Division as an expert geological witness in other matters in the past.

That he personally prepared the geological map marked Exhibit C-1 to the application for Compulsory Pooling in his endeavors to search for and locate oil and gas and that the information contained in said map is true and complete to the best of his knowledge and that Exhibit C-2 is a copy of the San Andres interval of all of the logs run in the Trice Production No. 2 Hutcherson well.

That the risk assessment of 1 in 3 is based upon his knowledge of the geological nature of the reservoir and stratigraphy of the prospect and his analysis of the logs from the Trice Production No. 2 Hutcherson well to determine the porosity of the San Andres formation and his estimate of the mechanical risk of re-entering said well; that the risk penalty is normal for this type of venture and is the same risk penalty agreed to by Western Reserves investors in this prospect and that the foregoing is true and complete to the best of his knowledge.

Ronald O. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23rd day of January, 1992.

My commission expires:



Notary Public for the

State of Texas