

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. 10774*  
*ORDER NO. R-9932*

**APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR A UNIT  
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 29, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 1993, 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, Santa Fe Operating Partners, L.P., seeks approval of the Thistle Unit Agreement and Area for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying 4880.00 acres, more or less, of federal and state lands in Lea County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (3) No interested party appeared and objected to the proposed unit.
- (4) All plans of development and operation, and creations, expansions or contractions of participating areas, or expansions or contractions of the unit area should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.
- (5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The Thistle Unit Agreement, executed by Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying 4880.00 acres, more or less, of federal and state lands in Lea County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) The plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

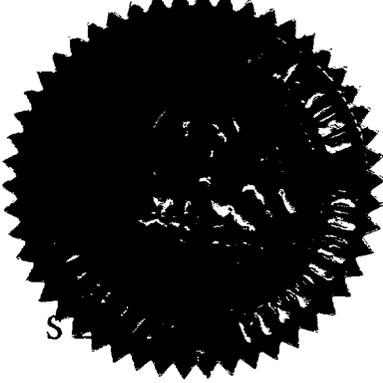
(3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; in the event of subsequent joinder by any other party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division, within 30 days thereafter, counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

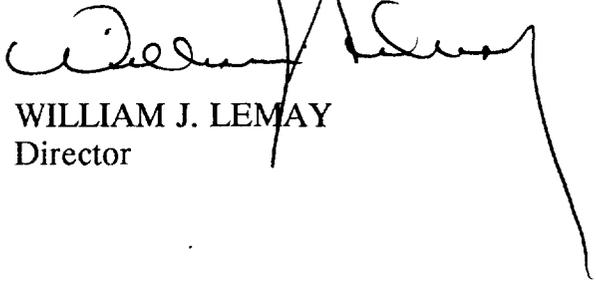
(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the appropriate agency of the United States Department of Interior and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) 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

EXHIBIT "A"  
CASE NO. 10774  
ORDER NO. R-9932  
THISTLE UNIT AGREEMENT  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM**

Section 20:	E/2 SW/4
Section 21:	E/2
Section 22:	All
Sections 27 through 29:	All
Sections 32 through 34:	All



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June 21, 1993

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of an application by Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. for a unit agreement, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set this case for the July 29, 1993 hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

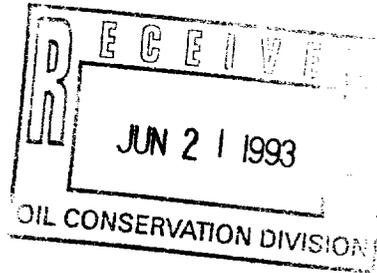
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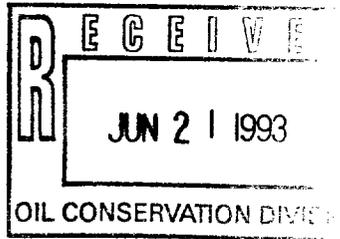
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE  
ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS,  
L.P., FOR APPROVAL OF A  
UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.



No. 10774

**APPLICATION**

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. hereby applies for approval of a unit agreement for its proposed Thistle Unit, and in support thereof states:

1. Applicant requests approval of the Thistle Unit Agreement, an exploratory unit, for a unit area comprised of the following state and federal lands:

Township 23 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 20:	E1/2SW1/4
Section 21:	E1/2
Section 22:	All
Section 27:	All
Section 28:	All
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Section 32:	All
Section 33:	All
Section 34:	All

Comprising 4,880 acres, more or less.

2. Applicant requests that it be designated operator of the unit.

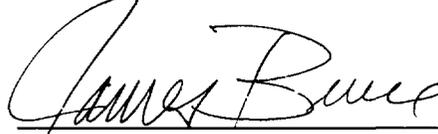
3. Preliminary approval of the unit is being obtained from the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Bureau of Land Management.

4. The granting of this application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.

5. Applicant requests expedited approval of the unit agreement due to a September 1, 1993 lease expiration date.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Thistle Unit Agreement be approved.

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**Proposed Advertisement**

Case No. 10774: Application of Santa Fe Energy  
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Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Thistle Unit Agreement for  
an area comprising 4,880 acres, more or less, of Federal and State  
lands in Sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, Township  
23 South, Range 33 East, which is centered approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
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