



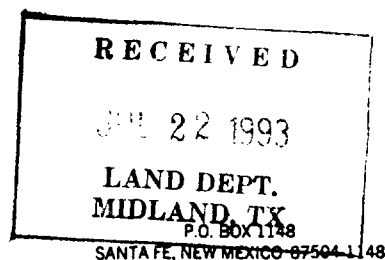
RAY B. POWELL
COMMISSIONER

State of New Mexico

OFFICE OF THE

Commissioner of Public Lands

Santa Fe



July 19, 1993

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.
550 W. Texas
Suite 1330
Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Mr. Curtis Smith

Re: Proposed Thistle Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Smith:

This office has reviewed the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement which you have submitted for the proposed Thistle Unit Area, Lea County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands and has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given. Also, any well commenced prior to the effective date of this agreement which penetrates its objective horizon prior to said effective date shall not be construed as the initial test well.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
3. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
4. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement.

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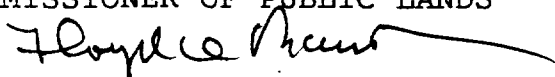
5. Designation from the Bureau of Land Management. Our Approval will be subject to like approval by the Bureau of Land Management.
6. The filing fee for a Unit Agreement is Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars for every section or partial section thereof. Please submit a filing fee in the amount of \$240.00.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY B. POWELL
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:


FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director
Oil/Gas and Minerals Division
(505) 827-5744

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BLM - Mr. Armando Lopez