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January 27, 1997

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*Attn: Paul Cooter*

**RE: CASE NO. 11562  
ORDER NO. R-10749**

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

*Sally E. Martinez*  
Sally E. Martinez  
Administrative Secretary

cc: BLM - Carlsbad

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January 20, 1997



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Re: Case 11562 - Application of Shahara Oil Corporation for  
Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico

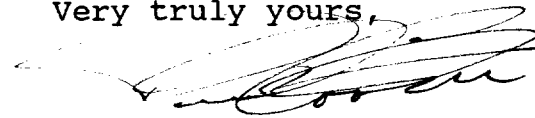
Dear Florine:

The captioned case is now scheduled for hearing Thursday,  
January 23. Would you please dismiss the same.

Several times the hearing has been rescheduled at our request,  
and I sincerely appreciate your doing so. For the time being,  
Shahara Oil believes it best to dismiss it - possibly refiling at  
a later date.

Once again, thanks for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,



Paul A. Cooter

PAC/smb  
cc: Perry L. Hughes

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November 18, 1996

Michael E. Stogner  
David R. Catanach  
Oil Conservation Division  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Dept.  
PO Box 6429  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 11562: Application of Shahara Oil Corporation for  
Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Since purchasing the property from Lynx Petroleum Consultants last year, Shahara Oil first acquired deeper rights from Phillips, and then sought statutory unitization for waterflood operations. Since originally filing its application, the case has been postponed from time to time at Shahara Oil's request.

The case is now on the OCD docket for hearing on November 21. First, I would request a continuance of that case to the second docket in January.

As I understand the matter, there is some concern that water injection at the present pressure might exceed the allowable pressure under the present regulations. Question: Would the present exemption be lost with statutory unitization?

You also raised the issue that Shahara Oil's application might well be in need of amendment to specify the formation being unitized, or the particular zones of that formation, rather than "from the surface to 5500 feet." Present production is from the Grayburg and San Andres formations.

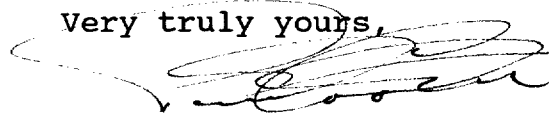
Perry Hughes, the President of Shahara Oil, and the writer would like to meet with the two of you to informally discuss the

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matter Tuesday afternoon, December 3. We shall plan on being in your office no later than 1:30 for that meeting, unless we are advised by you that this date is inconvenient.

Appreciating your courtesy to us in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Cooter", written over a horizontal line.

Paul A. Cooter

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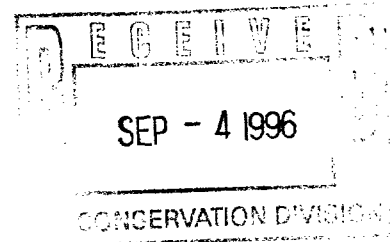
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July 29, 1996



Ms. Florine Davidson  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case 11562 - Application of Shahara Oil Corporation for  
Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Florine:

Once again, I ask that the captioned case be rescheduled from  
September 5 to November 7, 1996. Your courtesy in doing so is  
sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Cooter

PAC/smb  
cc: Perry L. Hughes

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Re: Case 11562 - Application of Shahara Oil Corporation for  
Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Florine:

Would you please reschedule the Examiner Hearing for the captioned case to Docket No. 24-96 set for September 5. The property may possibly be sold, and if it goes under contract, the purchaser should call the shots on this. Your courtesy in rescheduling the case from Docket No. 22-96 now set for August 8 is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Paul A. Cooter

PAC/jmq

Perry L. Hughes  
Shahara Oil Corporation  
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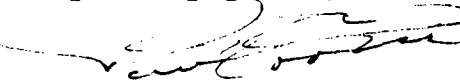
Re: Application of Shahara Oil Corporation for  
Statutory Unitization of the Shahara State 16 Unit Area  
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are three copies of the captioned Application filed by Shahara Oil Corporation. Attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 are the Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement.

Would you please set the same for Examiner Hearing in early July, and advise me of that date. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Paul A. Cooter

PAC/jmq  
Enclosures  
cc:

Shahara Oil Corporation  
207 W. McKay  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

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June 10, 1996

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Attn: Mr. Paul A. Cooter

Re: Statutory Unitization  
Shahara State 16 Unit Area  
Lea County, New Mexico

*Case 11562*

Dear Mr. Cooter:

We received your letter of May 21, 1996, together with a copy of the proposed Shahara State 16 Waterflood Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement. Your letter advised that, because of the differences in operating rights, you have applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to statutory unitize the W/2 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 33 East.

As mentioned in your telephone conversation with Pete Martinez of this office, the Commissioner does not recognize the segregated operating rights under Lease No. B-2148-0. It is our opinion that unit approval from this office is not needed since the W/2 of Section 16-17S-33E is held by our lessee of record, Phillips Petroleum Corporation.

Since your proposed operation is covered under the lease provisions and production will be reported on a lease basis, we have no objections to your proposed waterflood request. Enclosed are your copies of the proposed unit agreement and unit operating agreement.



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June 10, 1996  
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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 POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: 

LARRY KEHOE, Director  
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division  
(505) 827-5744

RP/LK/pm

cc: Reader File,  
OCD-Attn: Mr. Roy Johnson  
Commissioner's File

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Dear Florine:

Would you please reschedule the Examiner Hearing for the  
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on Docket No. 19-96 for July 11. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Paul A. Cooter

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