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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 9506 Order No. R-8797

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 1102 TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION BY A PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR ON DIVISION FORM C-102.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 1988, and February 16, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 9th day of March, 1989, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The existing Division Rule 1102 requires that a well location be certified by "registered professional engineer and/or land surveyor...or surveyor approved by the Division."
- (3) The Engineering and Surveying Practices Act, 61-23-1, et seq. N.M.S.A. 1978 ("Act") adopted by the 1987 legislature established certain standards and requirements for registration as a professional surveyor and required that all survey work be done by a registered professional surveyor.

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- (4) The legislature could change the Act or future interpretation might result in allowing other persons to certify surveys, and Division rules should conform to state statutes.
- (5) Division Rule 1102 needs to be amended to conform to the Act and require that surveys be certified by a registered professional surveyor. Additional language is appropriate to permit other persons authorized by state law to certify survey locations.
- (6) The effective date of this order should be April 1, 1989.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Division Rule 1102 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of this order.
- (2) The effective date of this order and amended Rule 1102 shall be April 1, 1989.
- (3) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WILLIAM R. HUMPHRIES, Member

ERLING A. BROSTUEN, Member

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Chairman and

Secretary

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RULE 1102. WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT (Form C-102)

Form C-102 is a dual purpose form used to show the exact location of the well and the acreage dedicated thereto. The form is also used to show the ownership and status of each lease contained within the dedicated acreage. When there is more than one working interest or royalty owner on a given lease, designation of the majority owner et. al. will be sufficient.

All information required on Form C-102 shall be filled out and certified by the operator of the well except the well location on the plat. This is to be plotted from the outer boundaries of the section and certified by a professional surveyor, registered in the State of New Mexico, or surveyor approved by the Division.

Form C-102 shall be submitted in TRIPLICATE or QUADRUPLICATE as provided in Rule 1101.

Amended Form C-102 (in TRIPLICATE or QUADRUPLICATE) shall be filed in the event there is a change in any of the information previously submitted. The well location need not be certified when filing amended Form C-102.

EXHIBIT "A"
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