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**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
 - Engineering Bureau -  
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



**ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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- [1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION** - Check Those Which Apply for [A] 30-075-30994  
 [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication XTO Energy, Inc  
 NSL  NSP  SD Ropco 16, 003  
 Check One Only for [B] or [C]  
 [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement  
 DHC  CTB  PLC  PC  OLS  OLM  
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 WFX  PMX  SWD  IPI  EOR  PPR  
 [D] Other: Specify AMEND NSL-4785

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**Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.**

Cy Zimmerman	See attachments	Associate Landman	07/15/2013
_____ Print or Type Name	_____ Signature	_____ Title Cy_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com	_____ Date
		_____ e-mail Address	



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Mr. David Brooks  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 S St Francis Dr  
Santa Fe NM 87504

Re: Revised Application for Administrative Approval of  
Unorthodox Location-NSL 4785  
XTO Energy Inc.'s Ropco 16-3  
2506' FSL and 1006 FWL, Section 16, T29N, R14W  
San Juan County, New Mexico  
Fruitland Coal Formation

Dear Mr. Brooks:

XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) hereby requests an amended Non-Standard Location (NSL) to correct the acreage from a stand up spacing unit to the laid down spacing in the Ropco 16-3. Administrative Order NSL-4785 dated 9/30/2002 states the spacing unit for the Fruitland Coal formation is the W/2 of section 16 whereas the well is currently spaced as a lay down unit in the S/2. Attached for your reference are the following exhibits:

1. Well location plat (Communitization Plat)
2. Original NSL application & administrative approval

The existing location will not conform to the current footage requirements and also encroaching on the N/2 320-acre unit. XTO operates the offsetting wells in the Fruitland Coal formation in the N/2 of section 16. The only affected interest owner is the NM State Land Office in which notice was sent when applying for the original NSL.

Taking this into account, in addition to the statements made above, XTO requests your administrative approval for the unorthodox location amending NSL-4785 to correct the acreage from a W/2 to the S/2 Fruitland Coal spacing unit. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (817) 885-1130 or [Cy\\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Cy_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cy Zimmerman', written over a horizontal line.

Cy Zimmerman  
Associate Landman



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**GARY E. JOHNSON**  
Governor  
**BETTY RIVERA**  
Cabinet Secretary

September 30, 2002

**Lori Wrotenbery**  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division

**Richardson Operating Company**  
c/o Permits West, Inc.  
37 Verano Loop  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Attention: **Brian Wood**  
*brian@permitswest.com*

Telefax No. (505) 466-9682

*Administrative Order NSL-4785*

Dear Mr. Wood:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Richardson Operating, Inc. ("Richardson"), that was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on September 9, 2002 (**application reference No. pKRV0-225331843**); and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe and Aztec: all concerning Richardson's request for an unorthodox gas well location in both the Undesignated Twin Mounds-Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool (**71629**) and Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (**86620**) for its proposed ROPCO "16" Well No. 3 (**API No. 30-045-30994**) to be drilled 2506 feet from the South line and 1006 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that Richardson intends to dually complete this well and that: (i) the W/2 of Section 16, being a standard 320-acre, more or less, stand-up gas spacing unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool; and (ii) the SW/4 equivalent of Section 16, being a standard 160-acre, more or less, gas spacing unit for the Undesignated Twin Mounds-Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool, are to be dedicated to the proposed ROPCO "16" Well No. 3.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of: (i) Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999; and (ii) the applicable provisions of the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool*," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended.

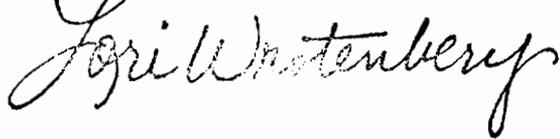
By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2) and Rule 8 of the special Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool rules, the above-described unorthodox Fruitland coal and Fruitland Sand/Pictured Cliffs gas well location for Richardson's proposed ROPCO "16" Well No. 3 is hereby approved.

Administrative Order NSL-4785  
Richardson Operating Company  
September 30, 2002  
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Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division deems necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Wrotenbery". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Santa Fe  
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

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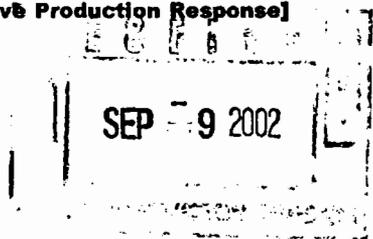
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**Note:** Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Print or Type Name	Signature	Title	Date
BRIAN WOOD (505) 466-8120 FAX 466-9682		CONSULTANT	9-9-02
			e-mail Address brian@permitswest.com



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION  
FOR RICHARDSON OPERATING CO.  
ROPCO 16 #3 GAS WELL  
2506' FSL & 1006' FWL SEC. 16, T. 29 N., R. 14 W., SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM

I. The well is on state surface and on state oil and gas lease V-05375. The proposed location is non-standard for the Twin Mounds Pictured Cliffs and Basin Fruitland Coal due to topography (San Juan River floodplain) and land use (irrigated fields). The well must be at least 660' from all quarter section lines. This proposed well is 134' from the north line of the southwest quarter of Section 16. Thus, it is 134' too far north. Richardson controls the Pictured Cliff and Fruitland Coal rights to the north and already has an approved APD for a standard location (Ropco 16 #2) in the northwest quarter of Section 16 (1186' FN & 1392' FW). The Ropco 16 #2 is 1,634' north of the Ropco 16 #3. The APD (Exhibit A) is attached.

II. A C-102 (Exhibit B) showing the well location and pro ration units (solid line marking the southwest quarter = 160 acres) for the Pictured Cliffs and Basin Fruitland Coal (dashed line marking the west half = 320 acres) is attached. Richardson's lease V-05375 (= solid line) is shown on the attached copy (Exhibit C) of the Kirtland USGS topo map. The remainder of the section is Tribal or state leases held by Richardson and which are or will be communitized. The well is 1,006' from the closest non-Richardson operated lease. A standard location would be closer to the exterior of the lease.

III. According to NM Oil Conservation Records; there is no production from the Pictured Cliffs or Fruitland Coal within a minimum 3,000' radius. Closest such proposed well is Richardson's Ropco 16 #2 at 1186' FNL & 1392' FWL 16-29n-14w, which is 1,634' away. A copy of the Kirtland 7.5' USGS map (Exhibit D) is attached showing the proposed well site, existing producing wells (1 Gallup oil well, 4 Pictured Cliffs and/or Fruitland {all Richardson}), and 10 plugged and abandoned wells within a mile. Richardson is the operator of all leases within a minimum 1,006'. A registered letter was sent on September 9, 2002 to the only affected interest owner (NM State Land Office). A copy of the receipt will be provided.

IV. A copy of the Kirtland USGS map is attached (Exhibit E). The proposed well site is marked. Pictured Cliffs pro ration unit (solid line) is all of the southwest quarter of Section 16, which is 160 acres in size. Fruitland Coal pro ration unit (dashed line) is all of the west half of Section 16, which is 320 acres in size. A dotted line marks the standard drilling window. Existing pro ration units for the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland are similarly depicted.

V. Topography and land use force a non-standard location. The entire drilling window is covered by the San Juan River, its floodplain, or irrigated fields (see Exhibits E and F). Indeed, despite being so far north, the south edge of the pad still borders a cattail swamp.

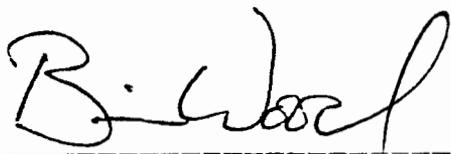
VI. Archaeology is not an issue.

VII. The non-standard location is requested because of surface conditions. All of the drilling window (see dotted line on Exhibit E and air photo on Exhibit F) is in the San Juan River, its floodplain, or irrigated fields.

VIII. Directional drilling is not a feasible for such a shallow well.

IX. I hereby certify that notice has been sent to the following lessees, lessors, operators of spacing units, or owners of undrilled leases which adjoin the applicant's spacing unit on one or more of the two sides or the single closest corner to the proposed well and that the information is current and correct:

New Mexico State Land Office



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Brian Wood, Consultant

September 9, 2002

Date



District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 South First, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-101  
Revised March 17, 1999

Submit to appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 6 Copies  
Fee Lease - 5 Copies

AMENDED REPORT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, RE-ENTER, DEEPEN, PLUGBACK, OR ADD A ZONE

Operator Name and Address Richardson Operating Company (303) 830-8000 1700 Lincoln St., Suite 1700, Denver, Co. 80203		OGRID Number 19219
Property Code Ropco 16		API Number 30 - 045 - 30994
Property Name		Well No. 3

<sup>7</sup> Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
L	16	29n	14w		2506	South	1006	West	SJ

<sup>8</sup> Proposed Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

<sup>9</sup> Proposed Pool 1 Twin Mounds Picture Cliffs Ext.	<sup>10</sup> Proposed Pool 2 Basin Fruitland Coal
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<sup>11</sup> Work Type Code N	<sup>12</sup> Well Type Code G	<sup>13</sup> Cable/Rotary R	<sup>14</sup> Lease Type Code S	<sup>15</sup> Ground Level Elevation 5175'
<sup>16</sup> Multiple Yes	<sup>17</sup> Proposed Depth 1,050'	<sup>18</sup> Formation Lewis	<sup>19</sup> Contractor	<sup>20</sup> Spud Date 3-15-02

<sup>21</sup> Proposed Casing and Cement Program

Hole Size	Casing Size	Casing weight/foot	Setting Depth	Sacks of Cement	Estimated TOC
8-3/4"	7"	20	120'	60 sx	Surface
6-1/4"	4-1/2"	10.5	1,050'	145 sx	Surface

<sup>22</sup> Describe the proposed program. If this application is to DEEPEN or PLUG BACK, give the data on the present productive zone and proposed new productive zone.  
Describe the blowout prevention program, if any. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Will use 2000# BOP and run logs and DST as appropriate.

<sup>23</sup> I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature: <i>Brian Wood</i>		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed name: Brian Wood		Approved by:	
Title: Consultant		Title:	
Date: Feb. 9, 2002		Approval Date:	
Phone: (505) 466-8120		Expiration Date:	
Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

EXHIBIT A

State of New Mexico  
 Energy, Minerals & Mining Resources Department  
 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 2040 South Pacheco  
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

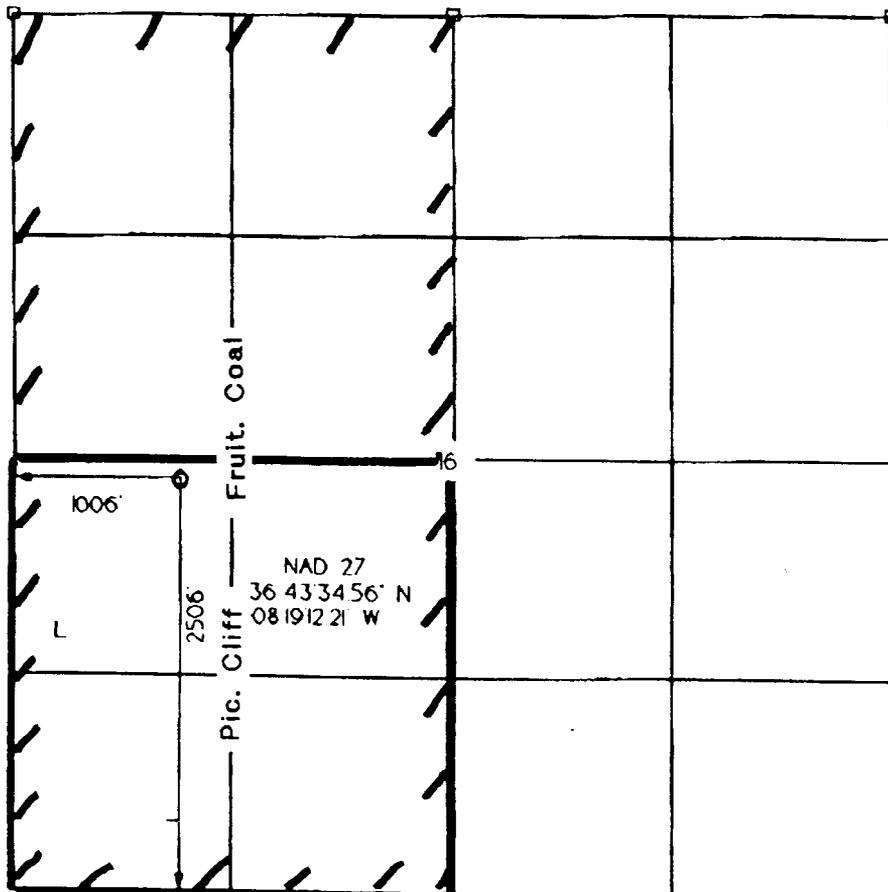
Form C - 102

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

APA Number		Pool Code		Pool Name					
		71629 & 86620		FRUIT, COAL & TWIN MOUNDS PIC. CLF.					
Property Code		Property Name						Well Number	
		ROPCO 16						3	
OGED No.		Operator Name						Elevation	
019219		RICHARDSON OPERATING COMPANY						5175'	
Surface Location									
U. or Lot	Sec.	Top.	Rge.	Lot Idn.	Feet from >	North/South	Feet from >	East/West	County
L	16	29 N.	14 W.		2506'	SOUTH	1006'	WEST	SAN JUAN
Bottom Hole Location if Different From Surface									
U. or Lot	Sec.	Top.	Rge.	Lot Idn.	Feet from >	North/South	Feet from >	East/West	County
Dedication		Joint ?	Consolidation		Order No.				

NO ALLOWABLE WELL ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**  
 I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Brian Wood*

Printed Name: BRIAN WOOD

Title: CONSULTANT

Date: FEB. 9, 2002

**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**  
 I hereby certify that the well location on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

Date of Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: *James J. McElroy*

Professional Seal:

EXHIBIT B

738 | 20'

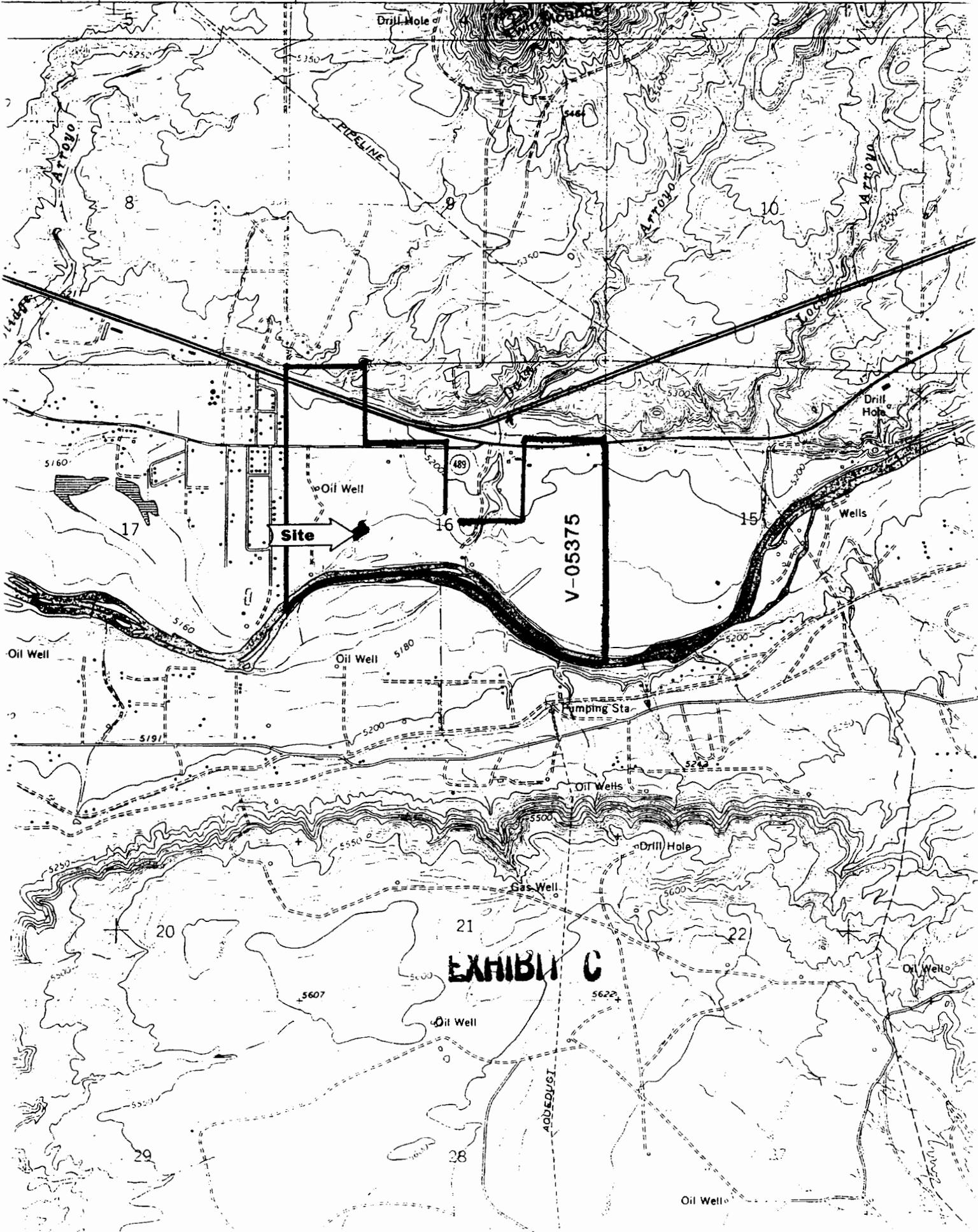
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(YOUNGS LAKE)

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**EXHIBIT C**



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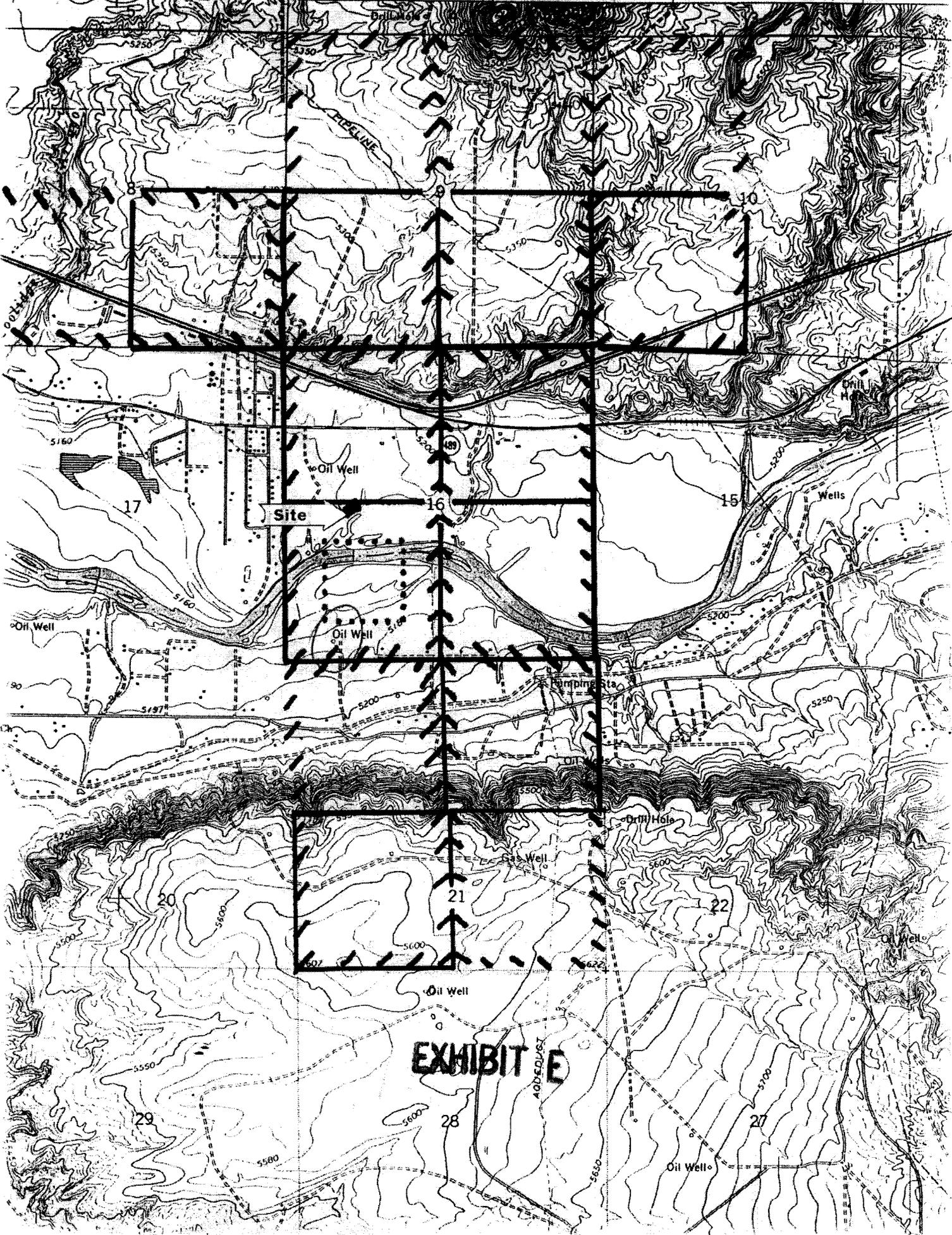
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4357 (V 62  
YOUNGS LAKE)

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17'30"

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**EXHIBIT E**



**PERMITS WEST**, INC.  
PROVIDING PERMITS for LAND USERS  
37 Verano Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508 (505) 466-8120

September 9, 2002

Dr. Ray Powell  
NM State Land Office  
P. O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

As required by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rules, I am notifying you of the following non-standard location for a well. This letter is a notice only. No action is needed unless you have questions or objections.

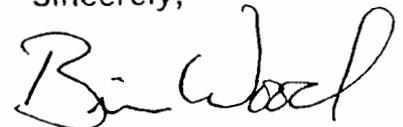
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Well Name: Ropco 16 #3 Total Depth: 1,050'  
Proposed Producing Zone: Pictured Cliffs sandstone & Fruitland coal  
Acreage Dedication: Pictured Cliffs 160 acres (SW4 of Section 16)  
Fruitland coal (W2 Section 16)  
Location: 2506' FSL & 1006' FWL Sec. 16, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.,  
San Juan County, NM on a state lease V-05375  
Approximate Location: ≈1 air mile east of Kirtland, NM  
Applicant Name: Richardson Operating Co. (505) 564-3100  
Applicant's Address: 3100 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401

Submittal Information: Application for a non-standard location will be filed with the NM Oil Conservation Division. If they determine the application complies with the applicable regulations, then it will be approved. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division address is 2040 S. Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Their phone number is (505) 827-7131.

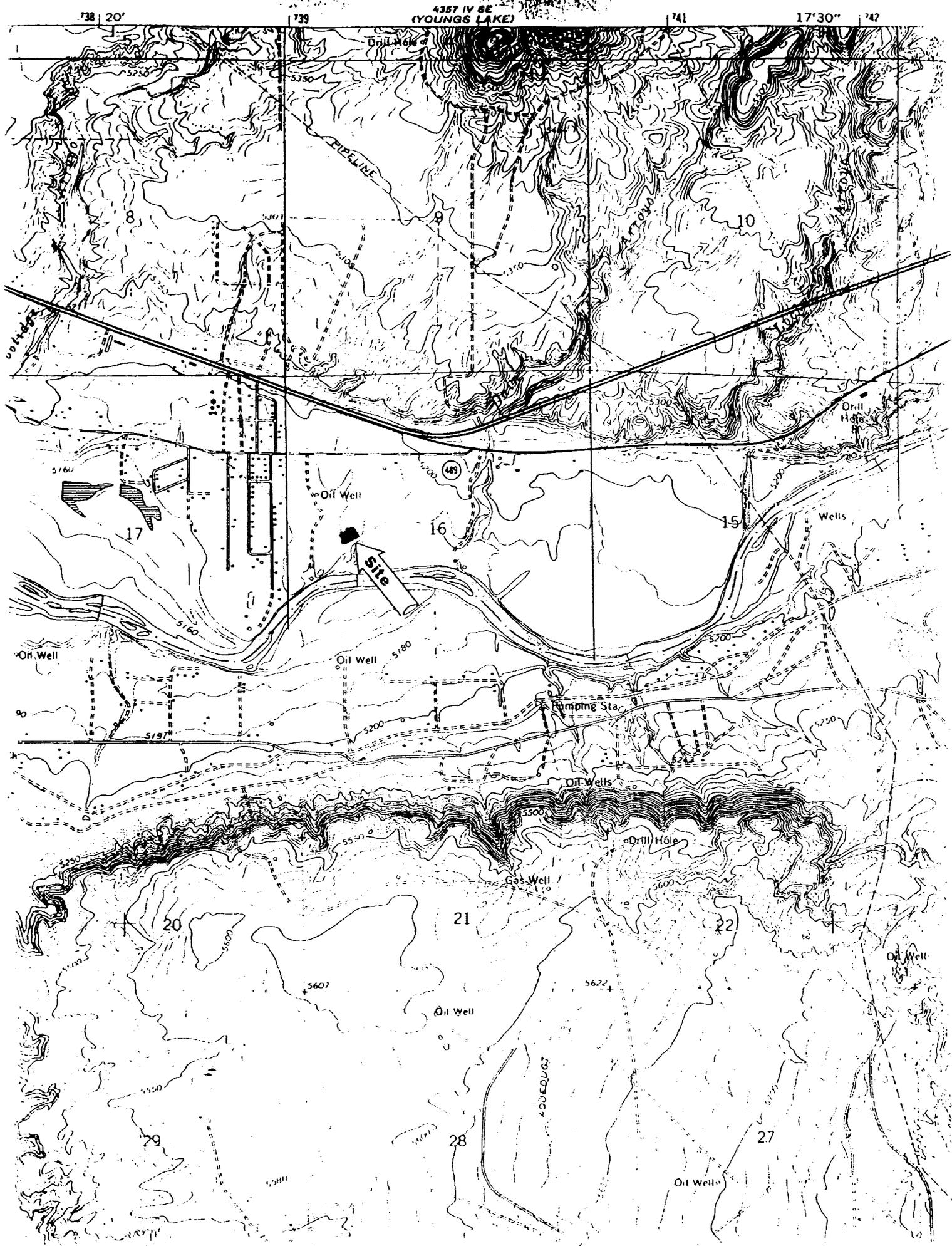
Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian Wood

4357 IV SE  
(YOUNGS LAKE)



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OG6C101 C101-APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OGOMES -TPSE

OGRID Idn : 19219 API Well No: 30 45 30993 APD Status(A/C/P): A  
Opr Name, Addr: RICHARDSON OPERATING CO Aprvl/Cncl Date : 02-11-2002  
3100 LA PLATA HWY  
FARMINGTON, NM 87401

Prop Idn: 29133 ROPCO 16 Well No: 2

	U/L	Sec	Township	Range	Lot	Idn	North/South	East/West
Surface Locn :	C	16	29N	14W			FTG 1186 F N	FTG 1392 F W
OCD U/L :	C		API County :	45				

Work typ(N/E/D/P/A) : N Well typ(O/G/M/I/S/W/C): G Cable/Rotary (C/R) : R  
Lease typ(F/S/P/N/J/U/I): S Ground Level Elevation : 5190

State Lease No: Multiple Comp (S/M/C) : S  
Prpsd Depth : 1050 Prpsd Frmtn : TWIN MDS PC

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COUNTY San Juan POOL Twin Mounds - Pictured Cliffs <sup>Fruitland SANU</sup>

TOWNSHIP 29 North RANGE 14 West NMPM

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7	8	9	10	11	12	
18	17	16	15	14	13	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
30	29	28	27	26	25	
31	32	33	34	35	36	

Ext: All Secs 5 & 8 (R-5470, 7-1-77) 1/2 Sec. 6 (R-7277, 5-5-83)

Extend vertical limits to include Fruitland Formation and redesignate

as Twin Mounds Fruitland - Pictured Cliffs Pool. Ext: SE/4 Sec. 6 (R-7495, 4-5-84)

REDESIGNATED (R-8769, 10/17/88)

**Brooks, David K., EMNRD**

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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 4:24 PM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Cy (Cy\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com)  
**Subject:** Ropco 16 #3; Request to Amend NSL

Good Afternoon, Mr. Zimmerman

In this application you have requested that Order NSL-4785 be amended to provide for dedication of a S/2 unit in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, instead of a W/2 unit. You indicate that the State Land Office is the only affected party. However, our rules require notice only to working interests owners or unleased.

Is it correct that working interest is identically owned in the Fruitland Coal in the N/2 and in the S/2 of Section 16-29N-14W? Is the State Land Office an owner of an unleased mineral interest?

Please explain the ownership situation so I can determine if any notice is required.

Sincerely

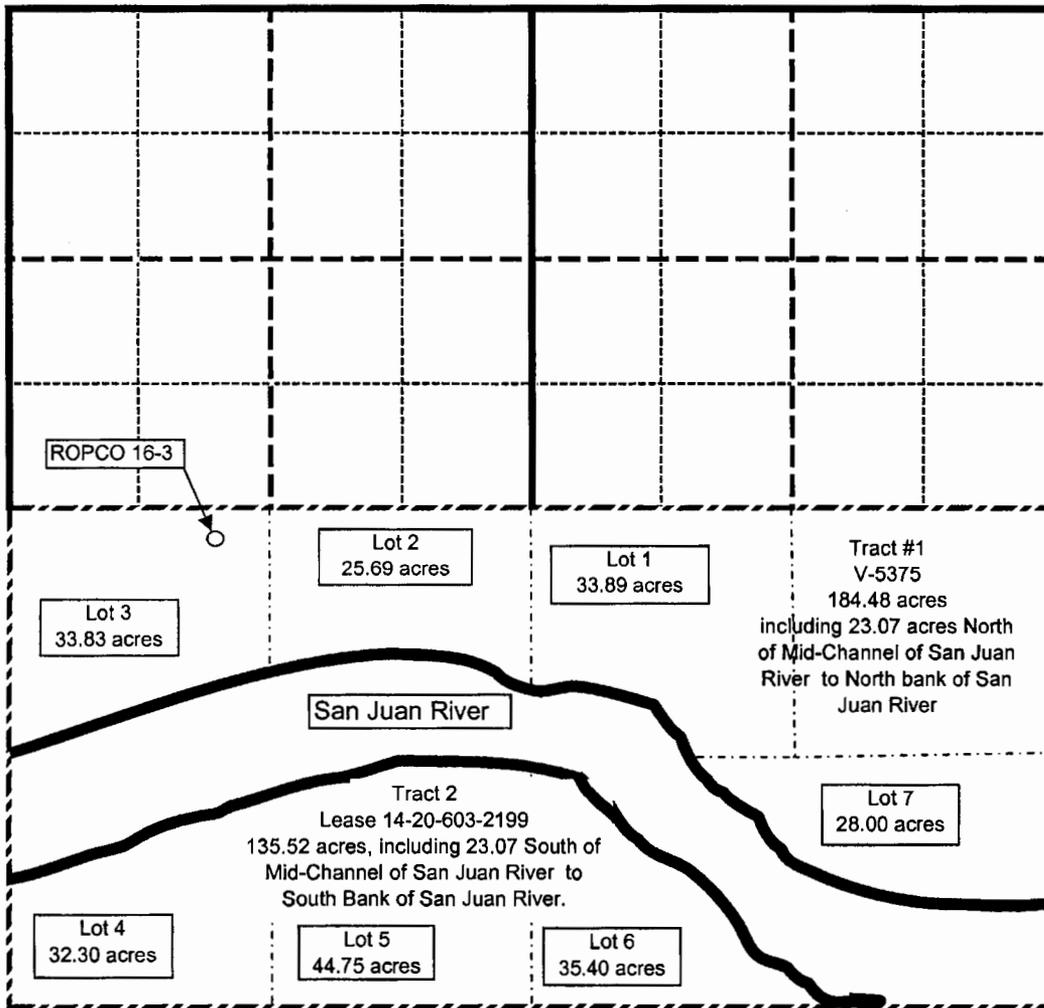
David K. Brooks

# Plat of Communitized Area Covering

Ropco 16-3

2506' FSL & 1006' FWL Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, NMPM  
S/2 Proration Unit Fruitland Coal Formation  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Richardson Operating Company



## Brooks, David K., EMNRD

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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 9:00 AM  
**To:** 'Zimmerman, Cy'  
**Subject:** RE: Ropco 16 #3; Request to Amend NSL

Good morning, Mr. Zimmerman

Yes, I think we would need notices to, or waivers from Chase and ConocoPhillips.

Sincerely

David K. Brooks

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**From:** Zimmerman, Cy [[mailto:Cy\\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Cy_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 7:26 AM  
**To:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Dean, David  
**Subject:** RE: Ropco 16 #3; Request to Amend NSL

Mr. Brooks,

Our records show that XTO has 100% WI in the S/2 and 75% WI in the N/2. The other WI owners are Chase Oil Corporation and ConocoPhillips. Our records do not show that the State Land Office has an unleased mineral interest. I was meaning that all the leases in the section are State leases, but I was mistaken that the State Office is the only affected party.

Do we need to send notice to ConocoPhillips and Chase Oil Corporation?

Thanks,

***Cy Zimmerman***

***Associate Landman***

810 Houston Street | Fort Worth, TX 76102 | 📞: (817) 885-1130 |

✉: [Cy\\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com](mailto:Cy_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com)

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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD [<mailto:david.brooks@state.nm.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 5:24 PM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Cy  
**Subject:** Ropco 16 #3; Request to Amend NSL

Good Afternoon, Mr. Zimmerman

In this application you have requested that Order NSL-4785 be amended to provide for dedication of a S/2 unit in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, instead of a W/2 unit. You indicate that the State Land Office is the only affected party. However, our rules require notice only to working interests owners or unleased.

Is it correct that working interest is identically owned in the Fruitland Coal in the N/2 and in the S/2 of Section 16-29N-14W? Is the State Land Office an owner of an unleased mineral interest?

Please explain the ownership situation so I can determine if any notice is required.

Sincerely

David K. Brooks

## **Brooks, David K., EMNRD**

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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2013 8:49 AM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Cy (Cy\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com)  
**Subject:** XTO - Ropco 1616 #3; NSL Application

Good morning, Mr. Zimmerman

Reference is made to my email communication (attached) dated August 15 concerning this application.

Have new notices been sent. If so, please send us copies or proof of notice pursuant to Rule 19.15.15.13.D.

Sincerely

David K. Brooks

**Brooks, David K., EMNRD**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2013 8:51 AM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Cy (Cy\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com)  
**Subject:** XTO Energy - Ropco 16-3; NSL Application  
**Attachments:** RE: Ropco 16 #3; Request to Amend NSL

Attached is the email promised to be attached to my message of a few minutes ago.

Sincerely

David K. Brooks

## Brooks, David K., EMNRD

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**From:** Zimmerman, Cy <Cy\_Zimmerman@xtoenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2013 9:29 AM  
**To:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: XTO - Ropco 1616 #3; NSL Application

Mr. Brooks,

I forwarded this on to David Dean who will be emailing you the copies of the waivers we sent to Chase and ConocoPhillips. He sent the waivers July 15<sup>th</sup> and we have yet to hear back from them. Once you review what we sent them, can you please advise if this will suffice as sending notice?

Thanks,

### ***Cy Zimmerman***

#### ***Associate Landman***

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**To:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Zimmerman, Cy  
**Subject:** Ropco 16 -3: NSL Application  
**Attachments:** Firmbook Report\_Ropco 16-3\_NSL.pdf; Mail Receipts\_Ropco 16-3\_NSL.pdf; Notice to Chase Oil Corp\_Ropco 16-3\_NSL.pdf; Notice to COPC\_Ropco 16-3\_NSL.pdf; July 15 Application for NSL\_Ropco\_16-3.pdf

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Sincerely,

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Mobile: (682) 215-7065  
Fax: (817) 885-1938  
[david\\_dean@xtoenergy.com](mailto:david_dean@xtoenergy.com)

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# Firmbook Report

Jackson Dean - Ropco 16-3, Application for Administrative Approval

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CMN	NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENTS
7112 4369 4680 2768 6736	CHASE OIL CORPORATION	ATTN: LAND (SAN JUAN) P.O. BOX 1767	ARTESIA,NM 88211 jd-Ropco 16-3 App for Approval
7112 4369 4680 2768 6743	CONOCOPHILLIPS	ATTN: MICHELLE BLANKENSHIP LAND DEPT. SAN JUAN BUSINESS UNIT P.O. BOX 4289	FARMINGTON,NM 87499 jd-Ropco 16-3 App for Approval



August 16, 2013

VIA U. S. CERTIFIED MAIL

ATN: Michelle Blankenship, Land Dpt.  
ConocoPhillips  
San Juan Business Unit  
P.O. Box 4289  
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Re: Application for Administrative Approval of  
Non-Standard Location-NSL 4785  
XTO Energy Inc.'s Ropco 16-3  
2506' FSL 1006' FWL, Section 16-29N-14W  
San Juan County, New Mexico  
Basin Fruitland Coal Formation

Dear Working Interest Owner:

Enclosed is a copy of an Application for Administrative Approval of Non-Standard Location for the Ropco 16-3 Well that has been sent to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) for administrative approval.

XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) has requested to amend NSL-4785 to correct the acreage from a W/2 to a S/2 spacing unit. Please see the enclosed application for more details.

It was brought to our attention that ConocoPhillips holds a working interest in the N/2 Fruitland Coal spacing unit. Therefore, the NMOCD has requested your consent. If you have no objection to the proposed non-standard location, please so indicate by signing and returning one copy of this letter to me at the address as shown at the bottom of this letter as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at (817) 885-6676. Your prompt attention to this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Jackson Dean'.

D. Jackson Dean  
Associate Landman

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Enclosures

*ConocoPhillips Company*  
*Ropco 16-3 NSL-4785*  
*August 16, 2013*  
*Page Two*

cc: Mr. David Brooks, NMOCD

ConocoPhillips Company does hereby waive notice of hearing and objection to the application by XTO Energy Inc. for the non-standard location for the Ropco 16-3, located in Section 16-29N-14W.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



August 16, 2013

VIA U. S. CERTIFIED MAIL

ATN: Land (San Juan)  
Chase Oil Corporation  
PO BOX 1767  
Artesia, NM 88211-1767

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Enclosures

*Chase Oil Corporation*  
*Ropco 16-3 NSL-4785*  
*August 16, 2013*  
*Page Two*

cc: Mr. David Brooks, NMOCD

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



TLB  
13 LAND-BLS

1. Article Addressed to:

CONOCOPHILLIPS  
ATTN: MICHELLE BLANKENSHIP  
LAND DEPT.  
SAN JUAN BUSINESS UNIT  
P.O. BOX 4289  
FARMINGTON, NM 87499

Use PS Form 3811-1 App for Approval

2. Article Number  
(Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, February 2004

Domestic Return Receipt

112004-02-01-1040

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature  
 Agent  
 Addressee  
*Michelle Blankenship*

B. Received by (Printed Name)  
*Michelle Blankenship*

C. Date of Delivery  
*8/2/13*

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  
 Yes  
 No  
 IF YES, enter delivery address below

3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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13 LAND-BLS

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## Brooks, David K., EMNRD

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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2013 3:25 PM  
**To:** 'Dean, David'  
**Subject:** RE: Ropco 16 -3: NSL Application

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Sincerely

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Thank you,

D. Jackson Dean  
Associate Landman  
XTO Energy Inc.

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September 17, 2013

**VIA U. S. CERTIFIED MAIL**

ATN: Mr. David K. Brooks  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Returned waiver letters to be included with  
XTO's application to amend NSL 4785  
Dated July 15, 2013

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Enclosed are the signed waiver letters from ConocoPhillips Company and Chase Oil Corporation to be included in XTO's application to amend Administrative Order NSL-4785.

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at (817) 885-6676.

Sincerely,  
XTO ENERGY INC.

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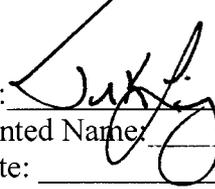
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Chase Oil Corporation  
Ropco 16-3 NSL-4785  
August 16, 2013  
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cc: Mr. David Brooks, NMOCD

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By:   
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 8/28/13

**TRAVIS K. LANNING  
ATTORNEY IN FACT  
CHASE OIL CORPORATION**

ConocoPhillips Company  
Ropco 16-3 NSL-4785  
August 16, 2013  
Page Two

cc: Mr. David Brooks, NMOCD

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By: Carol Hines  
Printed Name: Carol Hines  
Date: 9/10/2013