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# **MERRION**

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Mr. William LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Application for Administrative Approval  
Downhole Commingling  
Basin Fruitland Coal and WAW Pictured Cliffs Pool  
Dietrich 28G-1  
Section 28, T26N, R12W  
San Juan County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Merrion requests approval for downhole commingling of the Basin Fruitland Coal and the WAW Pictured Cliffs Pools in the subject wellbore. The following information is provided in support of this application.

I. Background

The Dietrich 28G-1 was completed in 1980 in the Pictured Cliffs formation. Through January, 1997, it has made a cumulative 195 MMCF. It is currently making approximately 20 MCFD and has remaining reserves of approximately 100 MMCF (see Exhibit 5).

Merrion wishes to complete the Fruitland Coal in the wellbore and commingle that production with the Pictured Cliffs (PC) zone. Exhibit 1 is the ownership plat showing the leases involved. Exhibit 2 shows the C-102 plat for the WAW with a 160 Spacing Unit encompassing the NE/4 of Section 28. Exhibit 3 shows the C-102 plat for the Basin Fruitland Coal with a 320 acre Spacing Unit in the E/2 of Section 28.

II. Justification

The following points are made in justification of the proposal.

- 1.) The Fruitland Coal production is marginal in the area (20 to 200 MCFD). Therefore, it would be difficult to justify drilling a new, stand alone Fruitland well.

- 2.) The well is equipped with 2 7/8" casing making it virtually impossible to dual complete.
- 3.) Exhibit 4, the Dietrich 28G-1 well log, shows that there is only six (6) feet between the existing PC perms and the proposed Fruitland perms. Therefore, these zones are likely to communicate outside the casing regardless of what we try to do inside the casing.
- 4.) If we were to recomplete this well to the Fruitland without commingling, we would have to abandon the PC and forego recovering the remaining reserves.
- 5.) If we were to recomplete the well to the Fruitland without commingling, we would have to set a bridge plug on top of the PC, leaving absolutely no rathole for the Fruitland zone. That would make it particularly difficult to efficiently pump water off of the Fruitland.

### III. Allocation Methodology

The proposed allocation method will be to use the established decline trend to forecast PC production. Any production above and beyond that will be allocated to the Fruitland Coal.

Exhibit 5 shows the historical production from the well, which is declining at the rate of 5% per year. Exhibit 6 is a table showing the forecasted future gas production from the PC on a monthly basis. Again, Fruitland Coal production will be all production in excess of these numbers. All water will be allocated to the Fruitland Coal. Any liquid hydrocarbons, if any, will be allocated to the PC.

### IV. Reservoir Fluid Compatibility

The gas compositions of PC and Fruitland gas are virtually identical, as are the water compositions (Exhibit 7). Therefore, the reservoir fluids are compatible.

### V. Cross Flow Between Zones

The current reservoir pressure of the PC zone is estimated to be approximately 125 psi. The Fruitland is estimated to be approximately 225 psi. With a flowing line pressure of around 30 psi, cross flow between zones should not be a problem.

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VI. Lease Ownership

Both leases involved are BIA leases at 17.5% royalty rates. Merrion owns 100% of the working interest. There are no overriding royalty owners in excess of the base royalty.

VII. Offset Ownership Notification

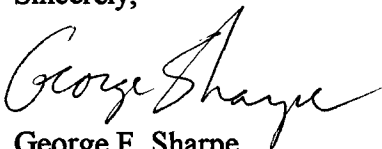
Exhibit 1 is a plat showing the offset ownership. All offset owners have been sent a copy of this application. Exhibit 8 is an affidavit to that effect.

VIII. Summary

Unless commingling is approved, either the Fruitland Coal will not be developed or the PC will be prematurely abandoned. Commingling the zones will maximize recoverable reserves and protect correlative rights. Therefore, we request your approval of this application.

Please call me with questions or if additional information is required.

Sincerely,



George F. Sharpe  
Manager - Oil & Gas Investments

**WAIVER**

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby waives objection to this application.  
Company

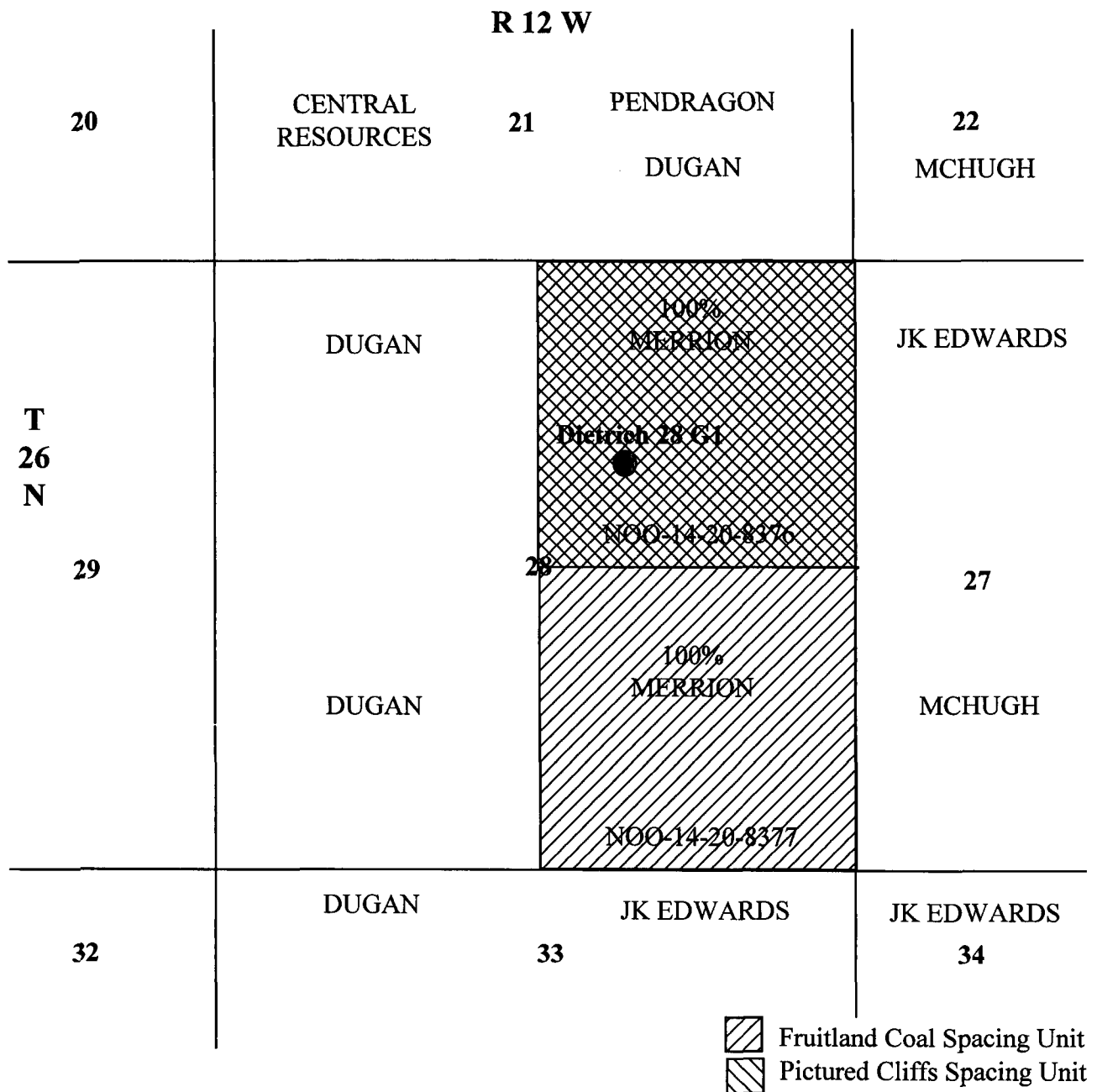
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## EXHIBITS

- 1.) Ownership Plat
- 2.) C-102 Plat - Pictured Cliffs
- 3.) C-102 Plat - Fruitland Coal
- 4.) Dietrich 28G-1 Density Log
- 5.) Dietrich 28G-1 Pictured Cliffs Historical Production
- 6.) Dietrich 28G-1 Pictured Cliffs Future Production
- 7.) Pictured Fruitland Water Analysis
- 8.) Affidavit of Notification

# EXHIBIT 1

## DIETRICH 28 G1 LEASE PLAT OFFSET OWNERSHIP PLAT T26N, R12W San Juan County, NM



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

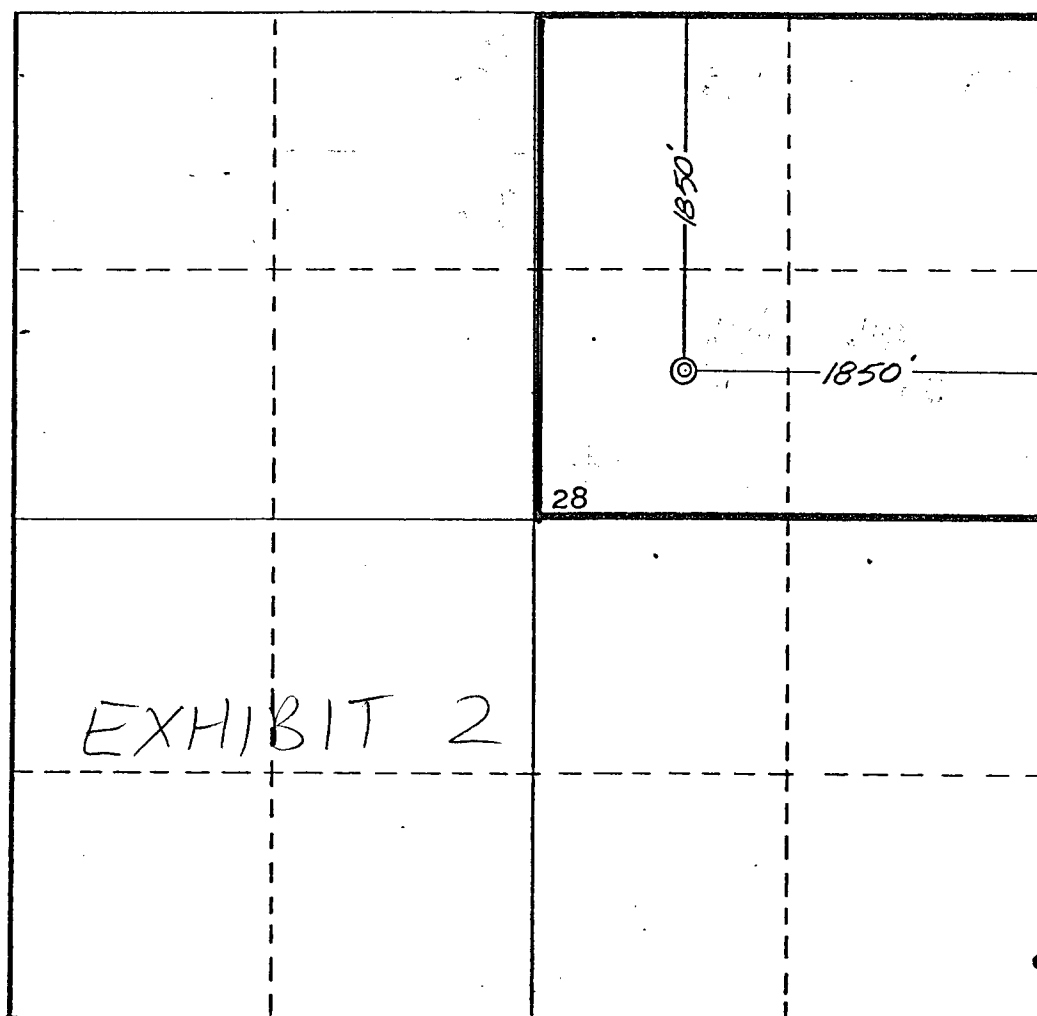
Operator <b>DIETRICH EXPLORATION</b>			Lease <b>28-G</b>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>G</b>	Section <b>28</b>	Township <b>26 NORTH</b>	Range <b>12 WEST</b>	County <b>SAN JUAN</b>	
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>1850</b> feet from the <b>NORTH</b> line and <b>1850</b> feet from the <b>EAST</b> line					
Ground Level Elev. <b>6064</b>	Producing Formation <b>PICTURED CLIFFS</b>		Pool <b>WAW PICTURED CLIFF-FRUITLAND</b>		Dedicated Acreage: <b>160</b> Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



CERTIFICATION

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

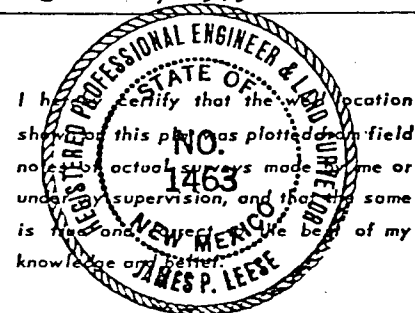
*John Alexander*

Name  
**JOHN ALEXANDER**

Position  
**AGENT**

Company  
**DIETRICH EXPLORATION**

Date  
**August 30, 1979**

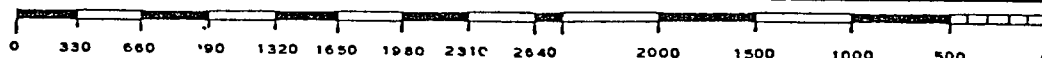



Date Surveyed  
**July 25, 1979**

Registered Professional Engineer  
and Land Surveyor

*James P. Leese*  
**James P. Leese**

Certificate No.  
**1463**



16		1850'		<b>17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</i>   Signature Steven S. Dunn Printed Name Drlg & Prod Manager Title July 11, 1997 Date
		28	1850'	<b>18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby certify that the well location shown 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.</i>  Date of Survey Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyer:  Certificate Number
EXHIBIT 3				



*Density*

# Borehole Compensated

**COMPANY** DIETRICH EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.

WELL 28 (7-1)

**FIELD** NAPP PICTURED CLIFFS

COUNTY SAN JUAN STATE N.M.

**LOCATION:** 1850' FILL & 1850' FILL

OTHER SERVICES:  
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SEC.	28	TWP.	26N	RGE.	12W
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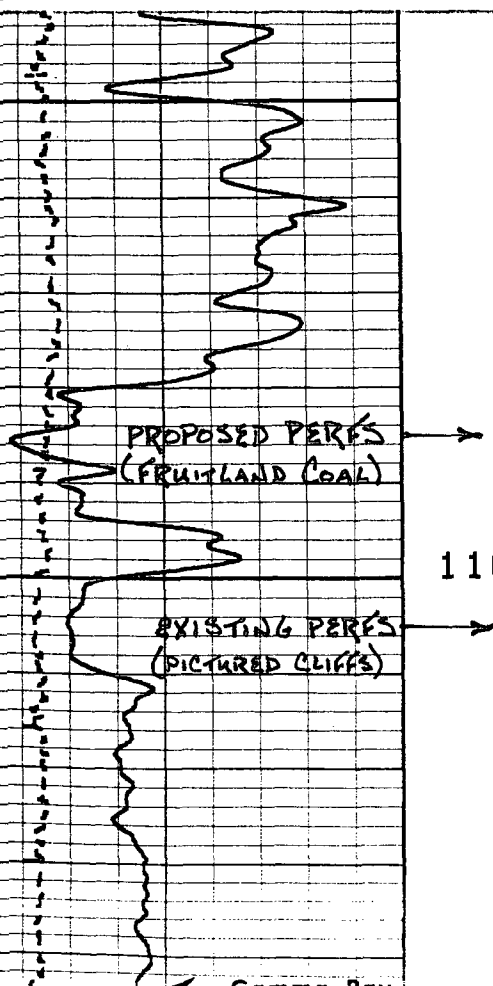
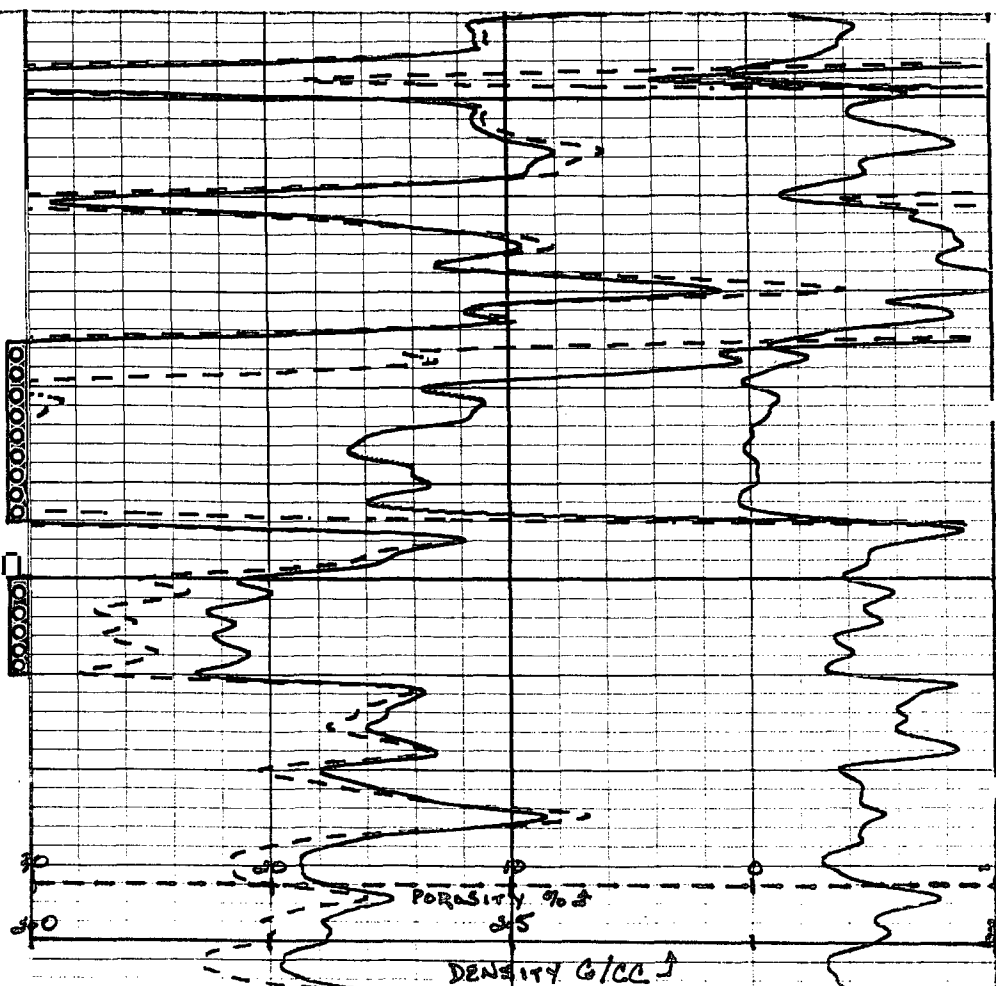
GROUND LEVEL, ELEV. 6064

**ELEV. K.B.** 6000

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G.L. 5004

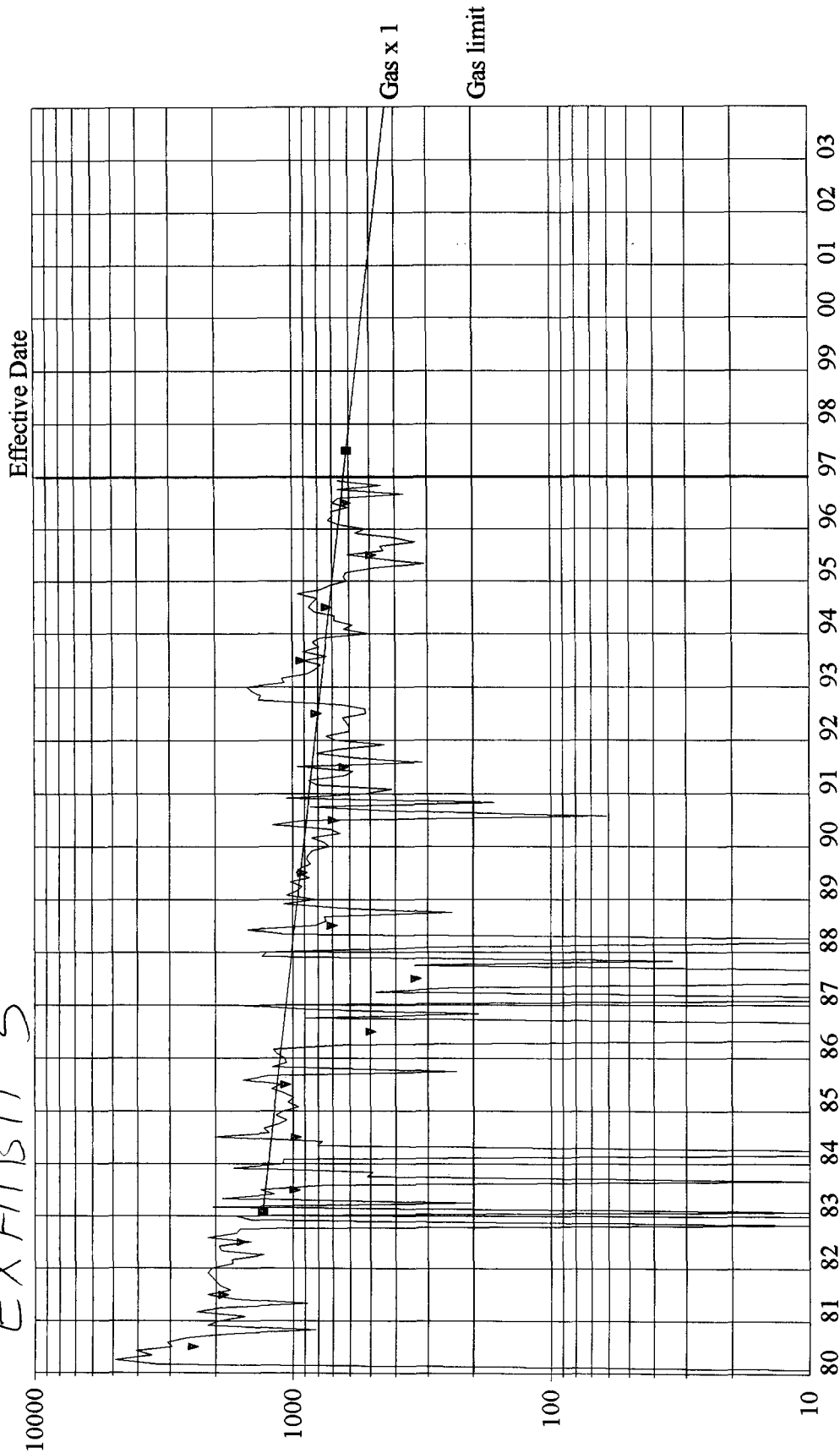
E		10-22-79							
NO.	ONE								
H-DRILLER	1200								
H-LOGGER	1195								
LOG INTER.	1195								
LOG INTER.	1394								
NG-DRILLER	7 <sup>th</sup> @ 108'		@		@		@		
NG-LOGGER	1094								
SIZE	5 1/2"								
FLUID IN HOLE	FLUID								
ID LEVEL	FLUID								
NS.	FWA	FWA							
VISC.	FWA	9.5 ml							
FLUID LOSS	FWA				ml				ml
ICE OF SAMPLE		FWA	FWA						
@ MEAS. TEMP.	1.3 @ 62 °F	@			°F	@			°F
@ MEAS. TEMP.	1.3 @ 62 °F	@			°F	@			°F
@ MEAS. TEMP.	1.3 @ 62 °F	@			°F	@			°F
JRCE RmI.	FWA								
Rmc	FWA								
@ B.H.T.	1.6 @ 79 °F	@			°F	@			°F
SINCE CIRC.	1 HOUR								
REC. TEMP.	70	°F			°F				°F





Dietrich 28G 1 (000001 - 100%), WAW FRLDPC

EXHIBIT 5



Dietrich 28G 1 (000001 - 100%) WAW FRLDPC RD San Juan, NM		[3004523748] 28G 26N 12W		Cumulative: Remaining: Ultimate:		Oil (bbl)	Gas (mcf)	Water (bbl)
						0	194,904	0
						0	96,864	0
						0	291,768	0

EXHIBIT 6			
DIETRICH 28G-1 COMMINGLING APPLICATION			
FUTURE PICTURED CLIFFS PRODUCTION			
			CUM
	GAS		RESERVES
DATE	MCF/MO		MCF
Aug-97	608		608
Sep-97	605		1,213
Oct-97	603		1,816
Nov-97	600		2,417
Dec-97	598		3,015
Jan-98	595		3,610
Feb-98	593		4,203
Mar-98	591		4,794
Apr-98	588		5,382
May-98	586		5,967
Jun-98	583		6,551
Jul-98	581		7,131
Aug-98	578		7,710
Sep-98	576		8,286
Oct-98	574		8,859
Nov-98	571		9,430
Dec-98	569		9,999
Jan-99	566		10,566
Feb-99	564		11,130
Mar-99	562		11,691
Apr-99	559		12,251
May-99	557		12,808
Jun-99	555		13,363
Jul-99	552		13,915
Aug-99	550		14,465
Sep-99	548		15,013
Oct-99	546		15,559
Nov-99	543		16,102
Dec-99	541		16,643
Jan-00	539		17,182
Feb-00	537		17,718
Mar-00	534		18,253
Apr-00	532		18,785
May-00	530		19,315
Jun-00	528		19,842
Jul-00	525		20,368
Aug-00	523		20,891
Sep-00	521		21,412
Oct-00	519		21,931
Nov-00	517		22,448
Dec-00	515		22,963
Jan-01	513		23,475
Feb-01	510		23,985
Mar-01	508		24,494
Apr-01	506		25,000
May-01	504		25,504
Jun-01	502		26,006

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FUTURE PICTURED CLIFFS PRODUCTION			
			CUM
		GAS	RESERVES
	DATE	MCF/MO	MCF
	Jul-01	500	26,506
	Aug-01	498	27,004
	Sep-01	496	27,499
	Oct-01	494	27,993
	Nov-01	492	28,484
	Dec-01	490	28,974
	Jan-02	488	29,462
	Feb-02	485	29,947
	Mar-02	483	30,431
	Apr-02	481	30,912
	May-02	479	31,391
	Jun-02	477	31,869
	Jul-02	475	32,344
	Aug-02	474	32,818
	Sep-02	472	33,289
	Oct-02	470	33,759
	Nov-02	468	34,227
	Dec-02	466	34,692
	Jan-03	464	35,156
	Feb-03	462	35,618
	Mar-03	460	36,078
	Apr-03	458	36,536
	May-03	456	36,992
	Jun-03	454	37,446
	Jul-03	452	37,898
	Aug-03	450	38,349
	Sep-03	449	38,797
	Oct-03	447	39,244
	Nov-03	445	39,689
	Dec-03	443	40,132
	Jan-04	441	40,573
	Feb-04	439	41,012
	Mar-04	437	41,449
	Apr-04	436	41,885
	May-04	434	42,319
	Jun-04	432	42,751
	Jul-04	430	43,181
	Aug-04	428	43,610
	Sep-04	427	44,036
	Oct-04	425	44,461
	Nov-04	423	44,884
	Dec-04	421	45,306
	Jan-05	420	45,725
	Feb-05	418	46,143
	Mar-05	416	46,559
	Apr-05	414	46,974
	May-05	413	47,386

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			CUM
	GAS	RESERVES	
DATE	MCF/MO	MCF	
Jun-05	411	47,797	
Jul-05	409	48,206	
Aug-05	408	48,614	
Sep-05	406	49,020	
Oct-05	404	49,424	
Nov-05	402	49,827	
Dec-05	401	50,227	
Jan-06	399	50,626	
Feb-06	397	51,024	
Mar-06	396	51,420	
Apr-06	394	51,814	
May-06	393	52,206	
Jun-06	391	52,597	
Jul-06	389	52,987	
Aug-06	388	53,374	
Sep-06	386	53,760	
Oct-06	384	54,145	
Nov-06	383	54,528	
Dec-06	381	54,909	
Jan-07	380	55,289	
Feb-07	378	55,667	
Mar-07	377	56,043	
Apr-07	375	56,418	
May-07	373	56,792	
Jun-07	372	57,163	
Jul-07	370	57,534	
Aug-07	369	57,902	
Sep-07	367	58,270	
Oct-07	366	58,635	
Nov-07	364	59,000	
Dec-07	363	59,362	
Jan-08	361	59,723	
Feb-08	360	60,083	
Mar-08	358	60,441	
Apr-08	357	60,798	
May-08	355	61,153	
Jun-08	354	61,507	
Jul-08	352	61,859	
Aug-08	351	62,210	
Sep-08	349	62,559	
Oct-08	348	62,907	
Nov-08	346	63,253	
Dec-08	345	63,598	
Jan-09	344	63,942	
Feb-09	342	64,284	
Mar-09	341	64,625	
Apr-09	339	64,964	

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			CUM
	GAS		RESERVES
DATE	MCF/MO		MCF
May-09	338		65,302
Jun-09	336		65,638
Jul-09	335		65,973
Aug-09	334		66,307
Sep-09	332		66,639
Oct-09	331		66,970
Nov-09	330		67,300
Dec-09	328		67,628
Jan-10	327		67,955
Feb-10	325		68,280
Mar-10	324		68,604
Apr-10	323		68,927
May-10	321		69,248
Jun-10	320		69,568
Jul-10	319		69,887
Aug-10	317		70,204
Sep-10	316		70,520
Oct-10	315		70,835
Nov-10	313		71,149
Dec-10	312		71,461
Jan-11	311		71,772
Feb-11	310		72,081
Mar-11	308		72,389
Apr-11	307		72,696
May-11	306		73,002
Jun-11	304		73,306
Jul-11	303		73,610
Aug-11	302		73,912
Sep-11	301		74,212
Oct-11	299		74,512
Nov-11	298		74,810
Dec-11	297		75,107
Jan-12	296		75,402
Feb-12	294		75,697
Mar-12	293		75,990
Apr-12	292		76,282
May-12	291		76,573
Jun-12	290		76,862
Jul-12	288		77,151
Aug-12	287		77,438
Sep-12	286		77,724
Oct-12	285		78,009
Nov-12	284		78,292
Dec-12	282		78,575
Jan-13	281		78,856
Feb-13	280		79,136
Mar-13	279		79,415

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FUTURE PICTURED CLIFFS PRODUCTION			
			CUM
	GAS	RESERVES	
DATE	MCF/MO	MCF	
Apr-13	278	79,693	
May-13	277	79,969	
Jun-13	275	80,245	
Jul-13	274	80,519	
Aug-13	273	80,792	
Sep-13	272	81,064	
Oct-13	271	81,335	
Nov-13	270	81,605	
Dec-13	269	81,874	
Jan-14	268	82,141	
Feb-14	266	82,408	
Mar-14	265	82,673	
Apr-14	264	82,937	
May-14	263	83,200	
Jun-14	262	83,462	
Jul-14	261	83,723	
Aug-14	260	83,983	
Sep-14	259	84,242	
Oct-14	258	84,500	
Nov-14	257	84,756	
Dec-14	256	85,012	
Jan-15	254	85,266	
Feb-15	253	85,520	
Mar-15	252	85,772	
Apr-15	251	86,023	
May-15	250	86,274	
Jun-15	249	86,523	
Jul-15	248	86,771	
Aug-15	247	87,018	
Sep-15	246	87,265	
Oct-15	245	87,510	
Nov-15	244	87,754	
Dec-15	243	87,997	
Jan-16	242	88,239	
Feb-16	241	88,480	
Mar-16	240	88,720	
Apr-16	239	88,959	
May-16	238	89,197	
Jun-16	237	89,434	
Jul-16	236	89,670	
Aug-16	235	89,906	
Sep-16	234	90,140	
Oct-16	233	90,373	
Nov-16	232	90,605	
Dec-16	231	90,836	
Jan-17	230	91,067	
Feb-17	229	91,296	

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FUTURE PICTURED CLIFFS PRODUCTION			
			CUM
		GAS	RESERVES
	DATE	MCF/MO	MCF
	Mar-17	228	91,524
	Apr-17	227	91,752
	May-17	226	91,978
	Jun-17	226	92,204
	Jul-17	225	92,428
	Aug-17	224	92,652
	Sep-17	223	92,875
	Oct-17	222	93,096
	Nov-17	221	93,317
	Dec-17	220	93,537
	Jan-18	219	93,756
	Feb-18	218	93,974
	Mar-18	217	94,192
	Apr-18	216	94,408
	May-18	215	94,623
	Jun-18	215	94,838
	Jul-18	214	95,052
	Aug-18	213	95,264
	Sep-18	212	95,476
	Oct-18	211	95,687
	Nov-18	210	95,897
	Dec-18	209	96,106
	Jan-19	208	96,315
	Feb-19	207	96,522
	Mar-19	207	96,729
	Apr-19	206	96,935
	May-19	205	97,140
	Jun-19	204	97,344
	Jul-19	203	97,547
	Aug-19	202	97,749
	Sep-19	202	97,951
	Oct-19	201	98,151
	Nov-19	200	98,351
	Dec-19	199	98,550

ALYSIS NO. 51-34-91

FIELD RECEIPT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

API FORM 43-1

API WATER ANALYSIS REPORT FORM

Company <u>Merrion Oil &amp; Gas</u>		Sample No.	Date Sampled <u>02-13-91</u>
Field	Legal Description <u>Sec. 9 T26N, 12N</u>	County or Parish <u>Son Juan</u>	State <u>NM</u>
Lease or Unit	Well <u>SUSCO #3</u>	Depth	Formation <u>Fruitland coal</u>
Type of Water (Produced, Supply, etc.)		Sampling Point	Sampled By

DISSOLVED SOLIDS

CATIONS	mg/l	me/l
Sodium, Na (calc)	<u>2340</u>	<u>101.74</u>
Calcium, Ca	<u>60</u>	<u>3.00</u>
Magnesium, Mg	<u>22</u>	<u>1.80</u>
Barium, Ba	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Potassium, K <sup>+</sup>	<u>34</u>	<u>.87</u>

ANIONS	mg/l	me/l
Chloride, Cl	<u>3609</u>	<u>101.81</u>
Sulfate, SO <sub>4</sub>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Carbonate, CO <sub>3</sub>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
carbonate, HCO <sub>3</sub>	<u>342</u>	<u>5.60</u>
hydroxide, OH	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Total Dissolved Solids (calc) 6407

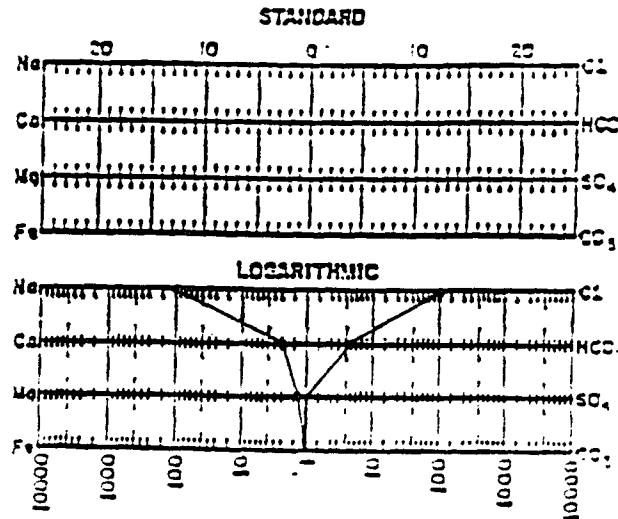
Iron, Fe (total) #, #t 0.0 ppm  
Sulfide as H<sub>2</sub>S neg

REMARKS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

OTHER PROPERTIES

pH	<u>7.85</u>
Specific Gravity, 60/60 F.	<u>1.003</u>
Resistivity (ohm-meters) <u>74 F.</u>	<u>.90</u>
Total hardness	<u>240</u>

WATER PATTERNS — me/l



ANALYST: 20  
Full

EXHIBIT 7

THE WESTERN COMPANY OF  
NORTH AMERICA, FARMINGTON, NM  
(505) 327-6222

Please refer any questions to: BRIAN ADLT, District Engineer



Date: 11/12/87

Analysis 543687

Field Receipt

API FORM 45-1

API WATER ANALYSIS REPORT FORM

Company <u>Marion Oil &amp; Gas</u>		Sample No.		Date Sampled	
Field <u>Li Roll</u>	Legal Description <u>NW/1/4 S. 35 T 29 N R 13 W</u>	County or Parish <u>San Juan</u>		State <u>N.M.</u>	
Lease or Unit <u>NM 33047</u>	Well <u># 4</u>	Depth	Formation <u>Pictured Cliffs</u>	Water, B/D	
Type of Water (Produced, Supply, etc.) <u>produced</u>		Sampling Point <u>drip pot</u>		Sampled By <u>L. M. Merrill</u>	

DISSOLVED SOLIDS

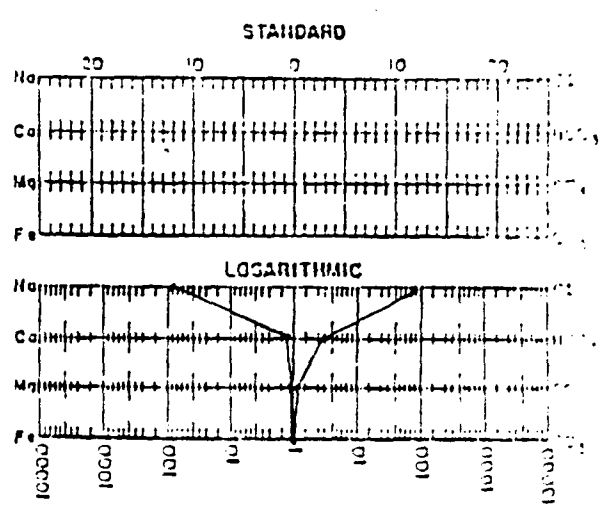
CATIONS	mg/l	meq/l
Sodium, Na (calc.)	<u>2076</u>	<u>90.60</u>
Calcium, Ca	<u>47</u>	<u>1.17</u>
Magnesium, Mg	<u>10</u>	<u>.60</u>
Barium, Ba		
Potassium, K	<u>23</u>	<u>.64</u>

OTHER PROPERTIES

pH	<u>6.59</u>
Specific Gravity, 60/60 F.	<u>1.004</u>
Resistivity (ohm-meters) <u>59°</u>	<u>1.61</u>
Total Hardness	<u>140</u>

ANIONS	mg/l	meq/l
Chloride, Cl	<u>3172</u>	<u>89.4</u>
Sulfate, SO <sub>4</sub>	<u>50</u>	<u>.52</u>
Carbonate, CO <sub>3</sub>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bicarbonate, HCO <sub>3</sub>	<u>196</u>	<u>3.21</u>
Hydroxide, OH	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

WATER PATTERNS — meq/l



Total Dissolved Solids (calc.) 5582  
(meas.)  
Iron, Fe (total) Ferric Ferro  
Sulfide, as H<sub>2</sub>S non pres

REMARKS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT 7

Analysis J. Dehart

Exhibit 8

**Affidavit of Notification**

The following companies were sent certified copies of the application for downhole commingling of the Basin Fruitland Coal and the WAW Pictured Cliffs Pools in the Dietrich 28G-1.

- 1.) Central Resources  
1775 Sherman, Suite 2600  
Denver, CO 80203-4313
- 2.) Dugan Production Corp.  
P.O. Box 420  
Farmington, NM 87499
- 3.) J K Edwards Associates, Inc.  
1401 17th Street, Suite 1400  
Denver, CO 80202
- 4.) J P McHugh  
650 S. Cherry Street, Suite 1225  
Denver, CO 80222
- 5.) Pendragon Energy Partners, Inc.  
621 17th Street, Suite 750  
Denver, CO 80293

Signed George F. Sharpe  
George F. Sharpe

Date 7-14-97

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )

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COUNTY OF SAN JUAN )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of July, 1997, by George F. Sharpe.

My commission expires:

June 27, 1998

Carol Williams  
Notary Public