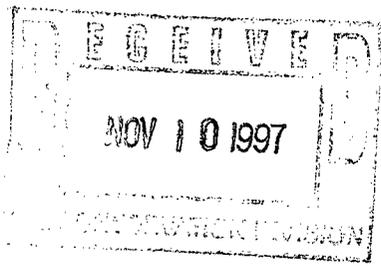


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# MERRION

OIL & GAS



November 7, 1997

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Mr. David Catanach  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Application for Administrative Approval  
Downhole Commingling  
Basin Dakota and Devils Fork Gallup Pools  
Canada Mesa 3E  
Section 14, T24N, R6W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Merrion requests approval for downhole commingling the Basin Dakota and Devils Fork Gallup zones in the subject well. The following information is provided in support of this application.

I. Supporting Data Enclosed

- \* C-107 A
- \* Exhibit 1 - Lease Plat & Offset Operator Plat
- \* Exhibit 2 - C102 for Devils Fork Gallup
- \* Exhibit 3 - C102 for Basin Dakota
- \* Exhibit 4 - Gallup Production Plot
- \* Exhibit 5 - Dakota Production Plot
- \* Exhibit 6 - Offset Operators Notified

II. Justification

- 1.) The subject well was dually completed in 1983 in the Gallup and Dakota zones. Production has declined since that time to where the Gallup is making around 3 BOPD and 30 MCFD and the Dakota 1 BOPD and 120 MCFD. It is felt that both zones would perform better by combining them and installing some form of artificial lift, be it a pumping unit or piston lift. The dual completion makes this impossible to do.

By commingling the zones, we feel we can dramatically improve production and increase recoverable reserves from both zones to the benefit of all working interest, override, and royalty owners in the well.

- 2.) The pressures are such that crossflow should not be a concern.
- 3.) The fluids are compatible.

III. Allocation Methodology

The following fixed rate split is recommended for allocation of production.

	<u>Gallup</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
Oil Rate (BOPD)	3.3	0.9
Oil Allocation %	79%	21%
Gas Rate (MCFD)	31	119
Gas Allocation %	21%	79%
Water Allocation %	50%	50%

IV. Notification

Ownership in the Gallup and Dakota zones is identical. Therefore, no additional notification was required to working interest, royalty, or override owners. Exhibit 6 is a list of offset operators who received copies of this application through certified mail.

V. Summary

Production from the two zones is becoming increasingly marginal. Commingling the zones will allow us to optimize artificial lift. This will maximize recoverable reserves and protect correlative rights. Therefore, we request your prompt approval of this application.

Please call me with questions at (505) 327-9801, ext. 114.

Sincerely,



George F. Sharpe  
Manager - Oil & Gas Investments

xc: BLM - Farmington  
OCD - Aztec

Application for Canada Mesa 3E Commingling  
Notification to Interest Owners and Offset Operators

Any objections to this application must be made in writing to the Oil Conservation Division within twenty days of the above date.

If you have no objection to this application, please sign the waiver below and return to my attention by November 28, 1997. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

**WAIVER**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT I  
P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-107-A  
New 3-12-96

DISTRICT II  
611 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPROVAL PROCESS:

2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

Administrative  Hearing

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Artesia, NM 87410-1693

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

EXISTING WELLBORE

YES  NO

Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation 610 Reilly Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401-2634

Operator Canada Mesa 3E D 14-24N-06W Rio Arriba  
Lease Well No. Unit Ltr. - Sec. - Twp - Rge County

OGRID NO. 014634 Property Code 007748 API NO. 30-039-23687 Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more) Federal  State  (and/or) Fee

The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	Devils Fork Gallup (17610)		Basin Dakota (71599)
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	5296'-6126'		6690'-6743'
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Oil		Gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Flowing		Flowing
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Gas & Oil - Flowing: All Gas Zones: Estimated Current Measured Current Estimated Or Measured Original	a. (Current) 930 psig	a.	a. 1238 psig
	b. (Original) 1250 psig (ISDP)	b.	b. 2650 psig (ISDP)
6. Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content	42° API 1290 BTU		59° API 1193 BTU
7. Producing or Shut-In?	Producing		Producing
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Yes		Yes
* If Shut-In, give date and oil/gas/water rates of last production  Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data  * If Producing, give date and oil/gas/water rates of recent test (within 60 days)	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:
	Date: 9/97 Rates: 3.3 BOPD; 31 MCFD; 0 BWD	Date: Rates:	Date: 9/97 Rates: 0.9 BOPD; 119 MCFD; 0 BWD
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula - % for each zone	Oil: 79 % Gas: 21 %	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: 21 % Gas: 79 %

9. If allocation formula is based upon something other than current or past production, or is based upon some other method, submit attachments with supporting data and/or explaining method and providing rate projections or other required data.

10. Are all working, overriding, and royalty interests identical in all commingled zones?  Yes  No  
If not, have all working, overriding, and royalty interests been notified by certified mail?  Yes  No  
Have all offset operators been given written notice of the proposed downhole commingling?  Yes  No

11. Will cross-flow occur?  Yes  No If yes, are fluids compatible, will the formations not be damaged, will any cross-flowed production be recovered, and will the allocation formula be reliable.  Yes  No (If No, attach explanation)

12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other?  Yes  No

13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling?  Yes  No (If Yes, attach explanation)

14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this application.  Yes  No

15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S) R-10786

16. ATTACHMENTS:

- \* C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.
- \* Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- \* For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.
- \* Data to support allocation method or formula.
- \* Notification list of all offset operators.
- \* Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.
- \* Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.

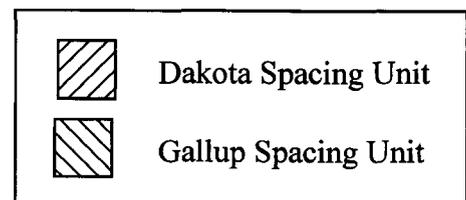
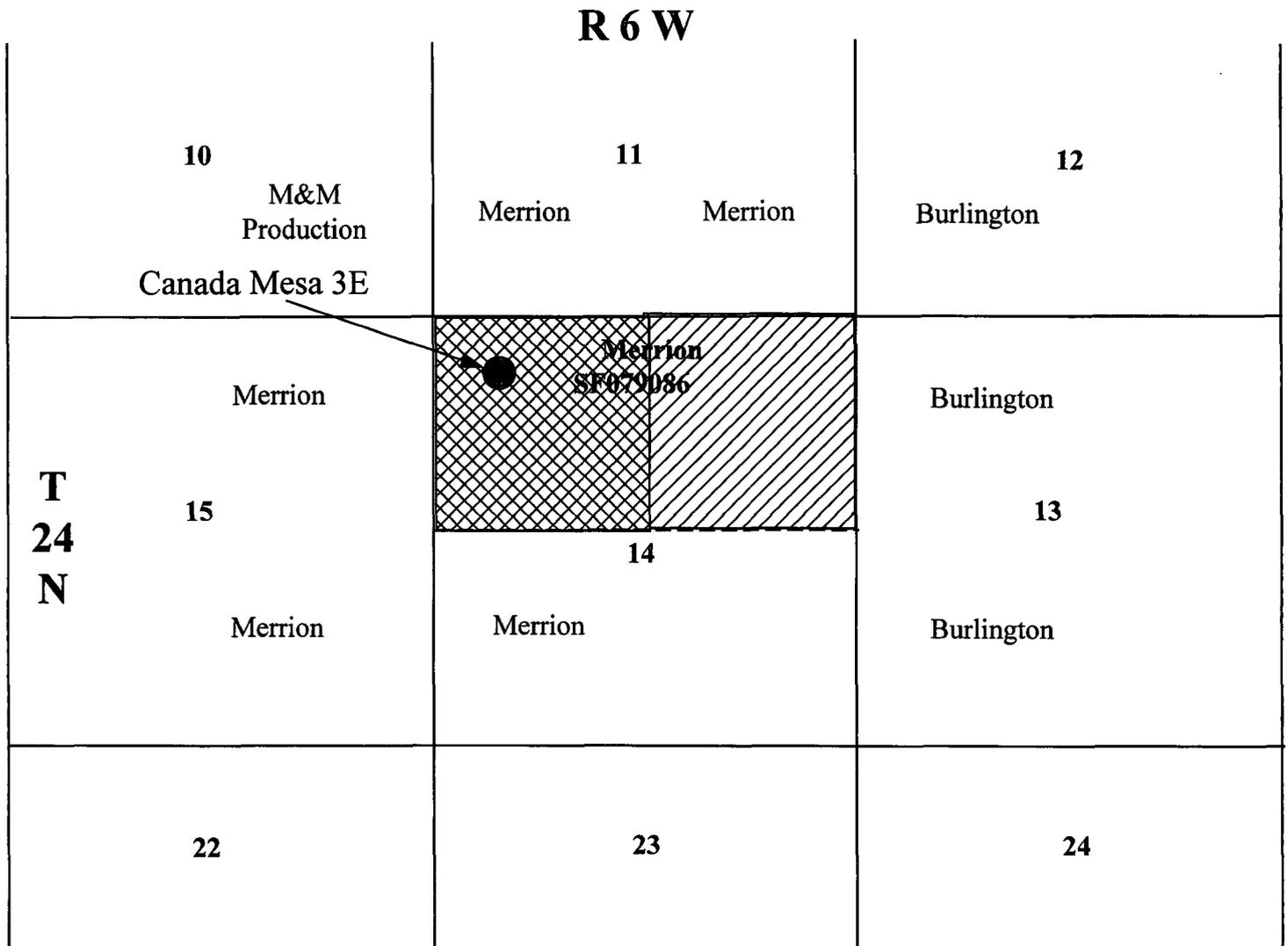
I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE George Sharpe TITLE Pet. Engineer DATE 11/6/97

TYPE OR PRINT NAME George F. Sharpe TELEPHONE NO. (505) 327-9801

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**CANADA MESA #3E LEASE PLAT**  
**OFFSET OWNERSHIP PLAT**

T24N, R6W  
Rio Arriba County, NM



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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

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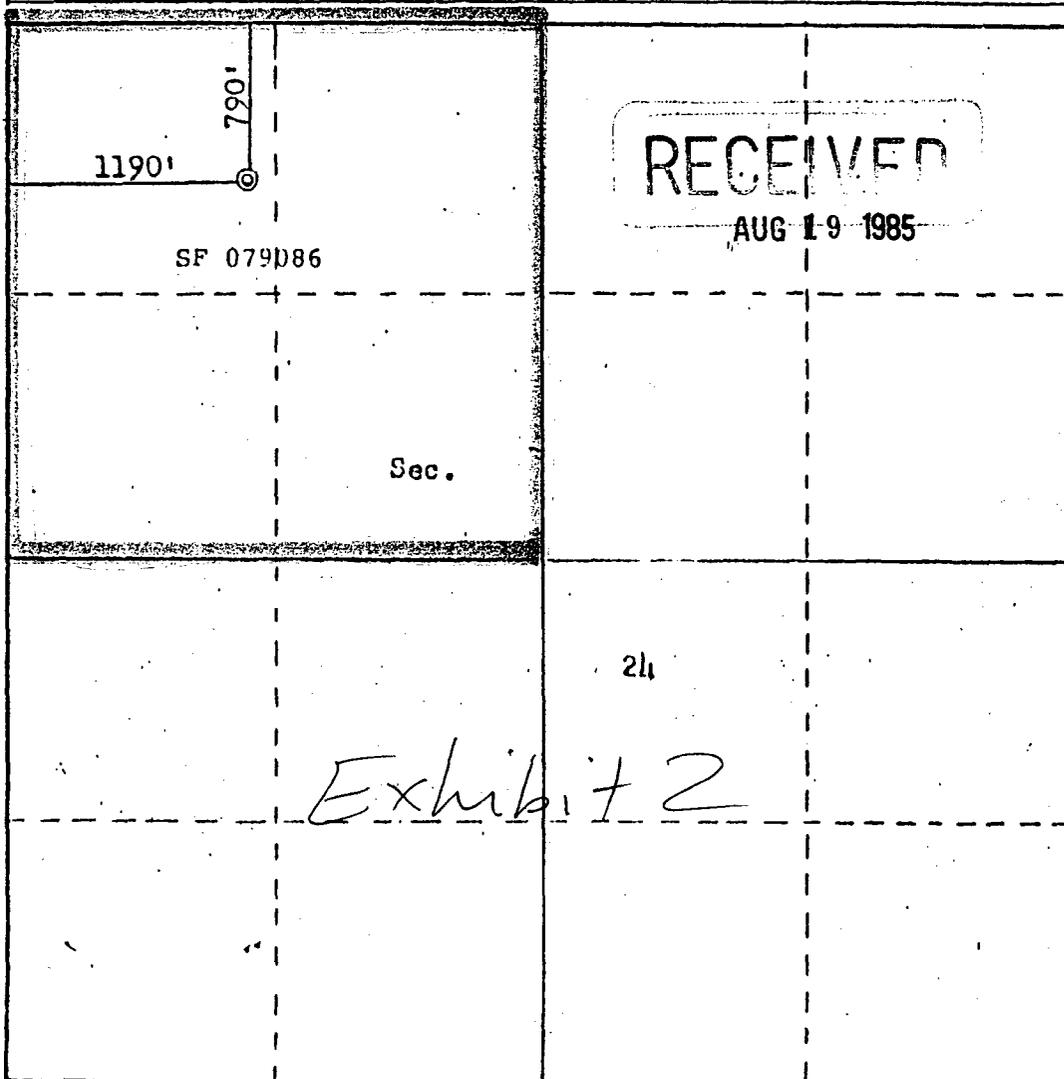
Operator <b>MERRION OIL &amp; GAS CORPORATION</b>		Lease <b>CANADA MESA</b>		Well No. <b>3E</b>
Unit Letter <b>D</b>	Section <b>14</b>	Township <b>24N</b>	Range <b>6W</b>	County <b>Rio Arriba</b>
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>790</b> feet from the <b>North</b> line and <b>1190</b> feet from the <b>West</b> line				
Ground Level Elev. <b>6666</b>	Producing Formation <b>Gallup</b>	Pool <b>Devils Fork Gallup</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.

*Steve S. Dunn*  
Steve S. Dunn

Position  
Operations Manager

Company  
Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation

Date  
4/2/85

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 knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed  
March 28, 1985

Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor

*Fred B. Kerr Jr.*  
Fred B. Kerr Jr.

Certificate No. 4422  
2050

Scale: 1"=1000'

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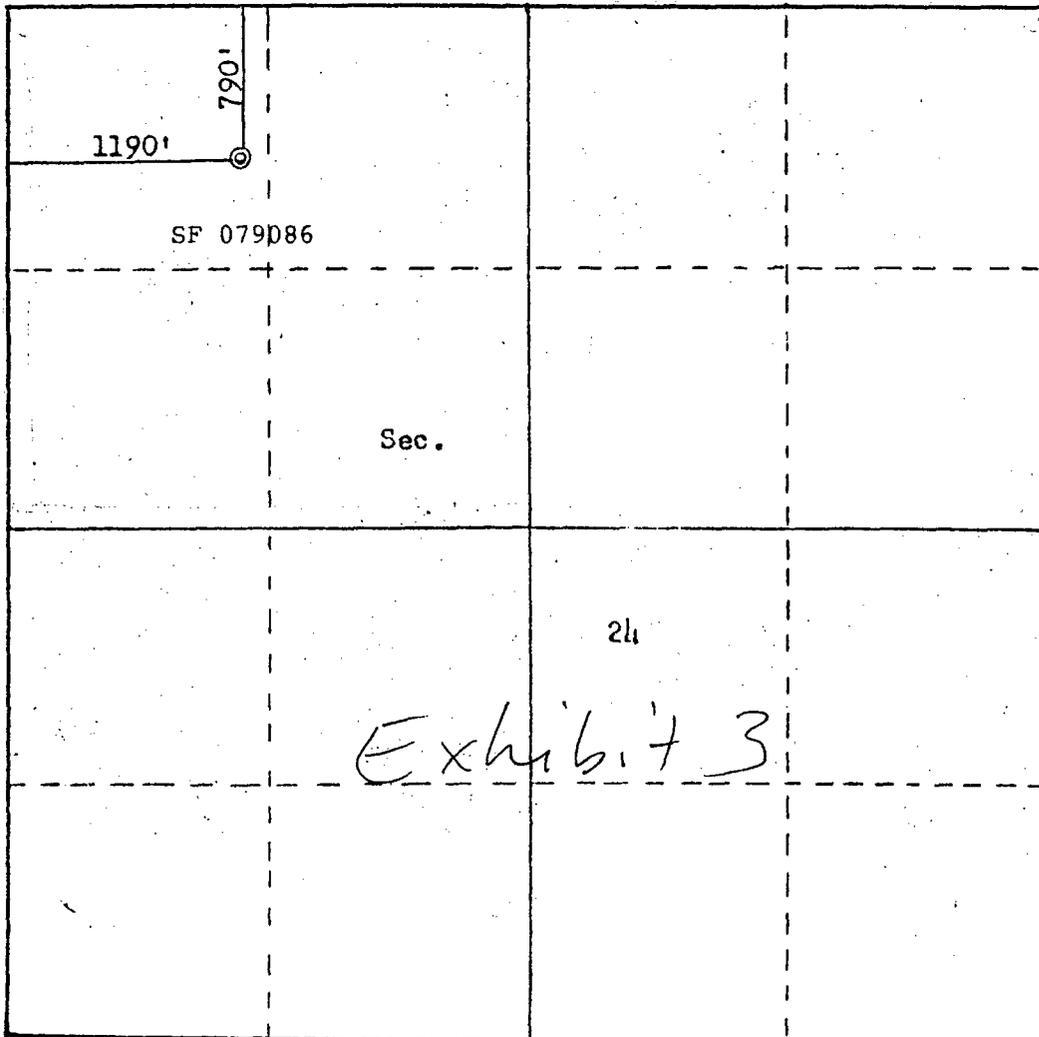
Lessor MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION			Lessee CANADA MESA			Well No. 3E
Unit Letter D	Section 14	Township 24N	Range 6W	County Rio Arriba		
Actual Footage Location of Well: 790 feet from the North line and 1190 feet from the West line						
Ground Level Elev. 6666	Producing Formation Dakota		Pool Basin Dakota	Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres		

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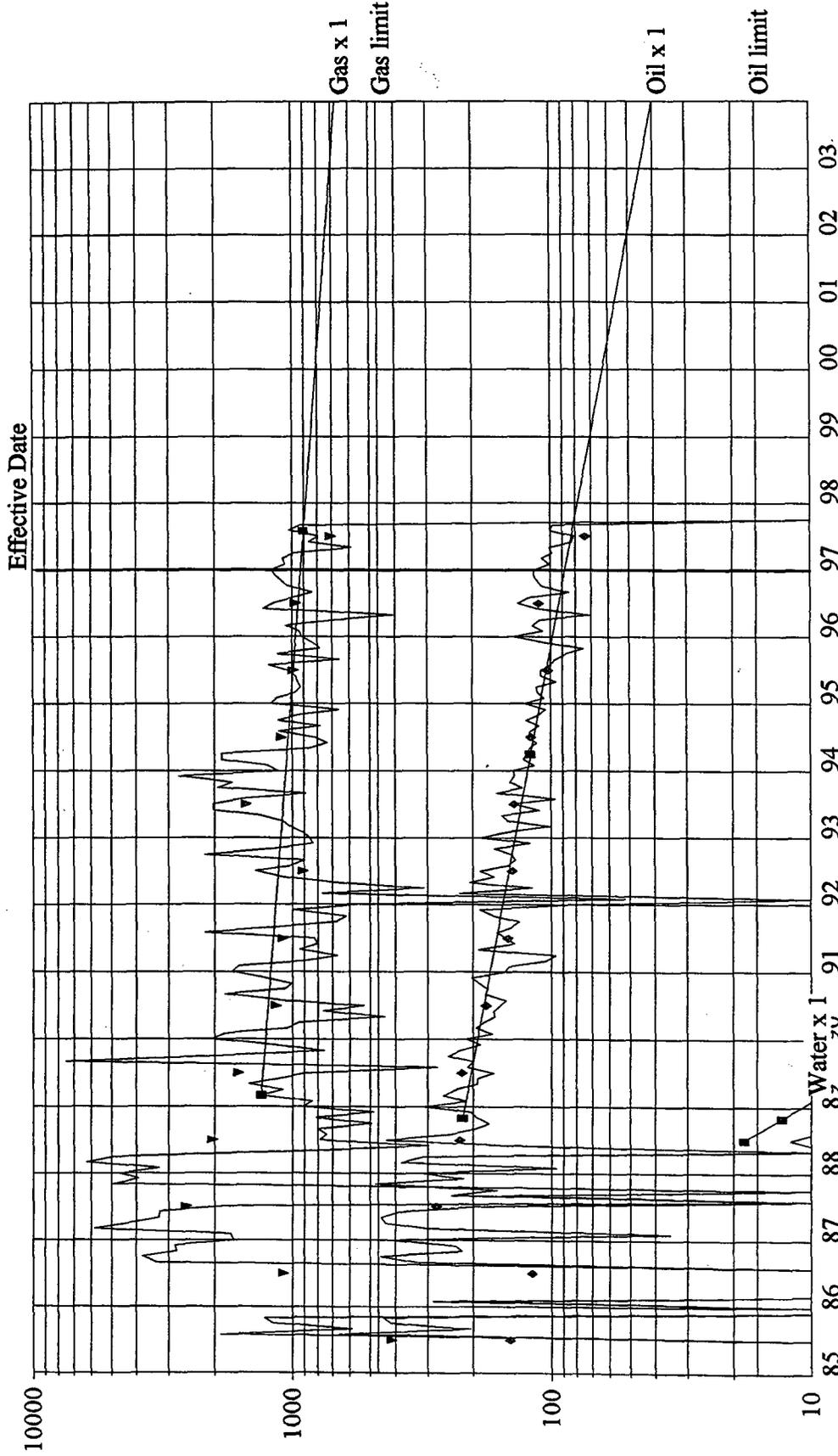
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Registered Professional Engineer  
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*Fred B. Kern Jr.*  
Fred B. Kern Jr.

Certificate No. 2, 2885, 1st  
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Scale: 1"=1000'

Canada Mesa 3E GLP (00003E - 100%), Dev Fk GLP



Gas (mcf)	193,602
Oil (bbl)	24,038
Water (bbl)	12

Cumulative:	24,038
Remaining:	7,637
Ultimate:	31,675

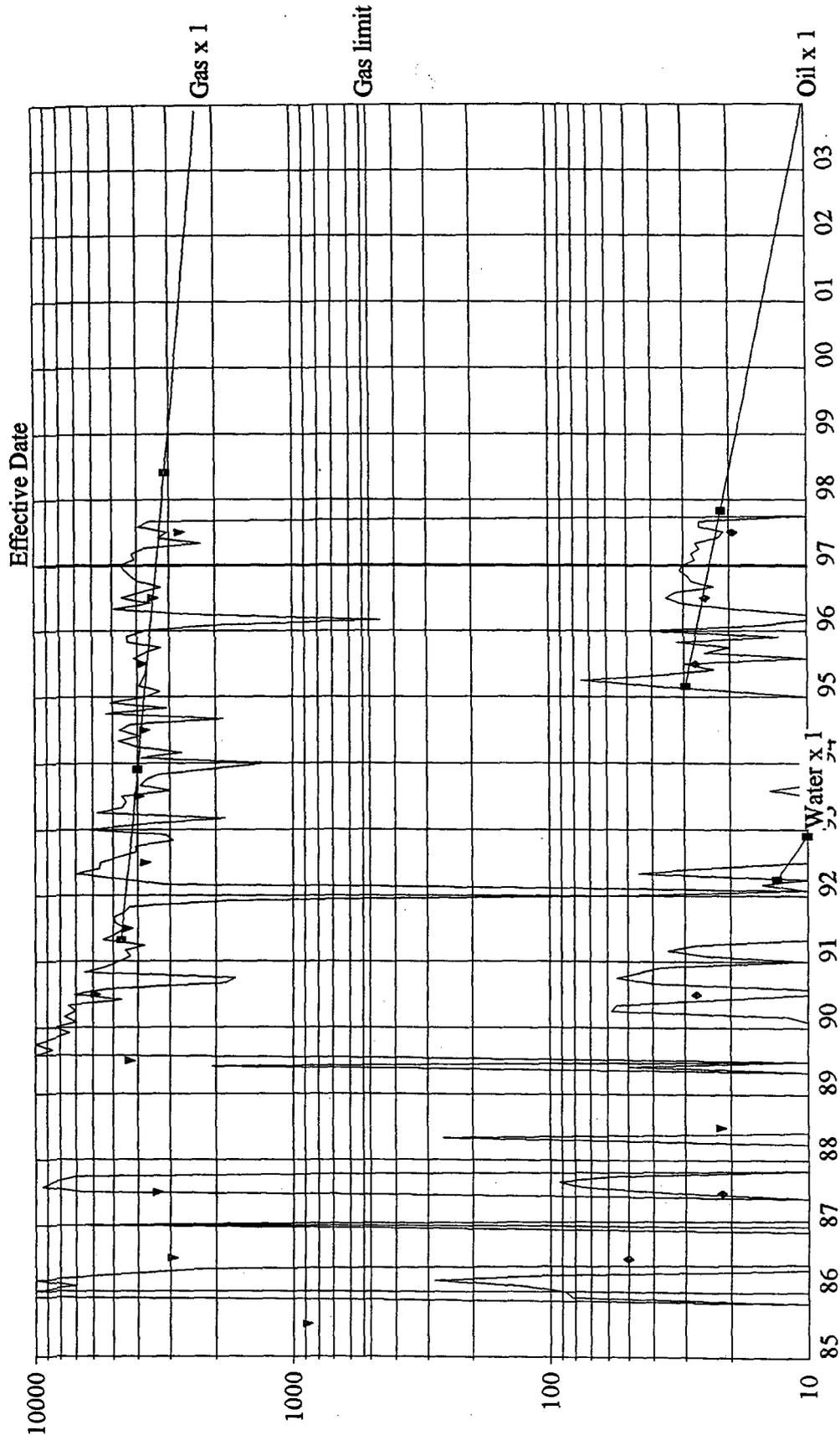
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Canada Mesa 3E GLP (00003E - 100%)  
Dev Fk GLP  
FH  
Rio Arriba, NIM

*Exhibit 4*

PRODUCTION GRAPH

Canada Mesa 3E DK (00003E - 100%), Basin DK



Oil (bbl)	Gas (mcf)	Water (bbl)
2,413	516,193	30
2,322	719,303	53
4,735	1,235,496	83

Canada Mesa 3E DK (00003E - 100%)  
 Basin DK  
 FH  
 Rio Arriba, NM

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 14D 24N 6W

Exhibit 75

**Exhibit 6**  
**Notification of Offset Operators**

The following operators received copies of this application via certified mail:

Burlington Resources  
P.O. Box 4289  
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

M & M Production & Operation Inc.  
P.O. Box 175  
Counselor, New Mexico 87018