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MERRION

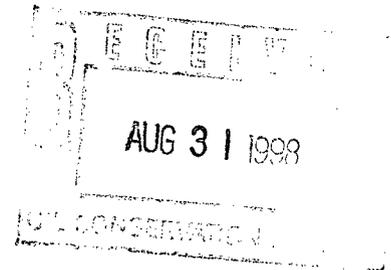
OIL & GAS

August 27, 1998

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

Fax (505) 827-1389

**Re: Application for Administrative Approval
Downhole Commingling
Basin Dakota Pool, Crouch Mesa Mesaverde Pool,
And Otero Chacra Pool
Fifield Com 1E
Section 5, T29N, R11W
San Juan County, New Mexico**



Dear Mr. Catanach:

Through administrative order DHC-2079, Merrion Oil & Gas received approval to commingle the Dakota and Mesaverde zones in the subject well. Merrion mistakenly assumed the Lewis shale was part of the Mesaverde, not knowing that south of "The Chacra Line", the Lewis is included in the Otero Chacra Pool. Since we plan to test the Lewis and Chacra in the subject well, Merrion requests administrative approval for downhole commingling of the Basin Dakota, the Crouch Mesa Mesaverde, and the Otero Chacra Pools in the subject wellbore. The following information is provided in support of this application:

I. Proposed Spacing Units

Exhibit 1 is the ownership plat showing the leases involved and showing the offset operators. Exhibit 2 shows the C-102 plat for the Basin Dakota with a 294 acre spacing unit in the N/2 of Section 5. Exhibit 3a. is the C-102 plat for the Crouch Mesa Mesaverde Pool with a ± 148 acre spacing unit in the NW/4 of Section 5. Exhibit 3b., the C-102 plat for the Otero Chacra, shows the spacing to be identical to the Mesaverde spacing.

II. Justification

The Chacra, Mesaverde and the Dakota zone are depleted to between 488 and 800 psi in the offset wells (see Exhibits 4 and 5). Because the remaining recoverable reserves from each zone is expected to be marginal, the only way a well can be economically justified is to commingle the zones.

III. Allocation Methodology

Because all zones exhibit similar exponential decline characteristics (see Exhibit 4), initial flow tests will be used to proportionally split flow between the three zones. If future changes in the condensate API gravity or gas BTU content indicate a substantive change in the mix of production from the three zones, the allocation formula will be adjusted based on additional testing.

IV. Reservoir Fluid Compatibility

Water analyses are not available for wells in the immediate area. However, the waters of the Chacra, Mesaverde, and Dakota have been generally determined to be compatible across the basin based on other similar applications to the OCD.

V. Cross Flow Between Zones

The current reservoir pressure of the Dakota is at \pm 820 psi while the Chacra is at \pm 488 psi, with the Mesaverde in between. With a flowing line pressure at around 250 psi, crossflow is not anticipated to be a problem.

VI. Well Ownership Notification

The spacing unit and ownership of the three zones is not the same (see Exhibit 1). Exhibit 6 is a list of all working interest, override, and royalty interest owners in the well who received certified copies of this application. All of these individuals also received copies of the original application, and none objected.

VII. Offset Operator Notification

Exhibit 1 is a plat showing all offset operators. Exhibit 7 is a list of all the offset operators who received a certified copy of this application. All of these companies received copies of the original application.

VIII. Summary

None of the zones have the reserves to economically justify a well. Commingling the zones will maximize 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

xc: Offset Operators and Well Owners
Astec OCD
BLM - Farmington

**APPLICATION OF MERRION OIL & GAS CORP.
TO COMMINGLE THE CHACRA, MESAVERDE, AND DAKOTA
IN THE FIFIELD COM 1E**

Objections to this application must be sent to the NMOCD within 20 days of receipt of this application. If you do not object, please sign and return this waiver sheet to George Sharpe.

WAIVER

_____ hereby waives objection to this application.
Company or Individual Name

Signature

Date

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

DISTRICT II

811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835

DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410-1693

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

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

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Administrative Hearing

EXISTING WELLBORE

YES NO

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

Operator **MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION** Address **610 Reilly Avenue Farmington, NM 87401-2634**

Lease **FiField Com** Well No. **1E** Unit Ltr. - Sec - Twp - Rge **E - 05-29N-11W** County **San Juan**

OGRID NO. **014634** Property Code **22343** API NO. **30-045-29517** Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)
Federal State Land/ri Fee

The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	Otero Chacra	Crouch Mesa Mesaverde	Basin Dakota
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	** Will be provided after well is drilled **		
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Gas	Gas	Gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Flow	Flow	Flow
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated Or Measured Original	a. (Current) 488 psi	a. 730 psi	a. 820 psi
	b. (Original) 697 psi	b. 990 psi	b. 2525 psi
6. Oil Gravity (° API) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 1100	BTU 1100	BTU 1188
7. Producing or Shut-In?	SI-Not completed	SI - Not Completed	SI-Not completed
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Yes	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: NA	Date: Rates: NA	Date: Rates: NA
	Date: Rates: NA	Date: Rates: NA	Date: Rates: NA
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula - % for each zone	Oil: % Gas: % ** Will be provided after well is drilled **	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: % Gas: %

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) _____
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 Engineer DATE 8/28/98

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

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AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-045-29517		Pool Code 75680	Pool Name CROUCH MESA MESA VERDE	
Property Code 22343	Property Name FiField Com		Well Number 1E	
OGRID No. 014634	Operator Name MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION		Elevation 5849'	

¹⁰ Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
E	05	29N	11W	SWNW	1562	NORTH	886	WEST	San Juan

¹¹ 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
¹² Dedicated Acres 148		¹³ Joint or Infill		¹⁴ Consolidation Code		¹⁵ Order No. Will be communitized			

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

	<p>¹⁶ OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and</p> <p><i>George Sharpe</i></p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Printed Name George F. Sharpe</p> <p>Title Engineer</p> <p>Date 7/20/98</p>
	<p>¹⁷ SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by</p> <p>Date of Survey</p> <p>Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyer:</p> <p>Certificate Number</p>

Exhibit 3A.

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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⁴ Property Code 22343		⁵ Property Name FiField Com			⁶ Well Number 1E
⁷ OGRID No. 014634		⁸ Operator Name MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORAITON			⁹ Elevation 5849

¹⁰ Surface Location

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E	05	29N	11W	SWNW	1562	NORTH	886	WEST	SAN JUAN

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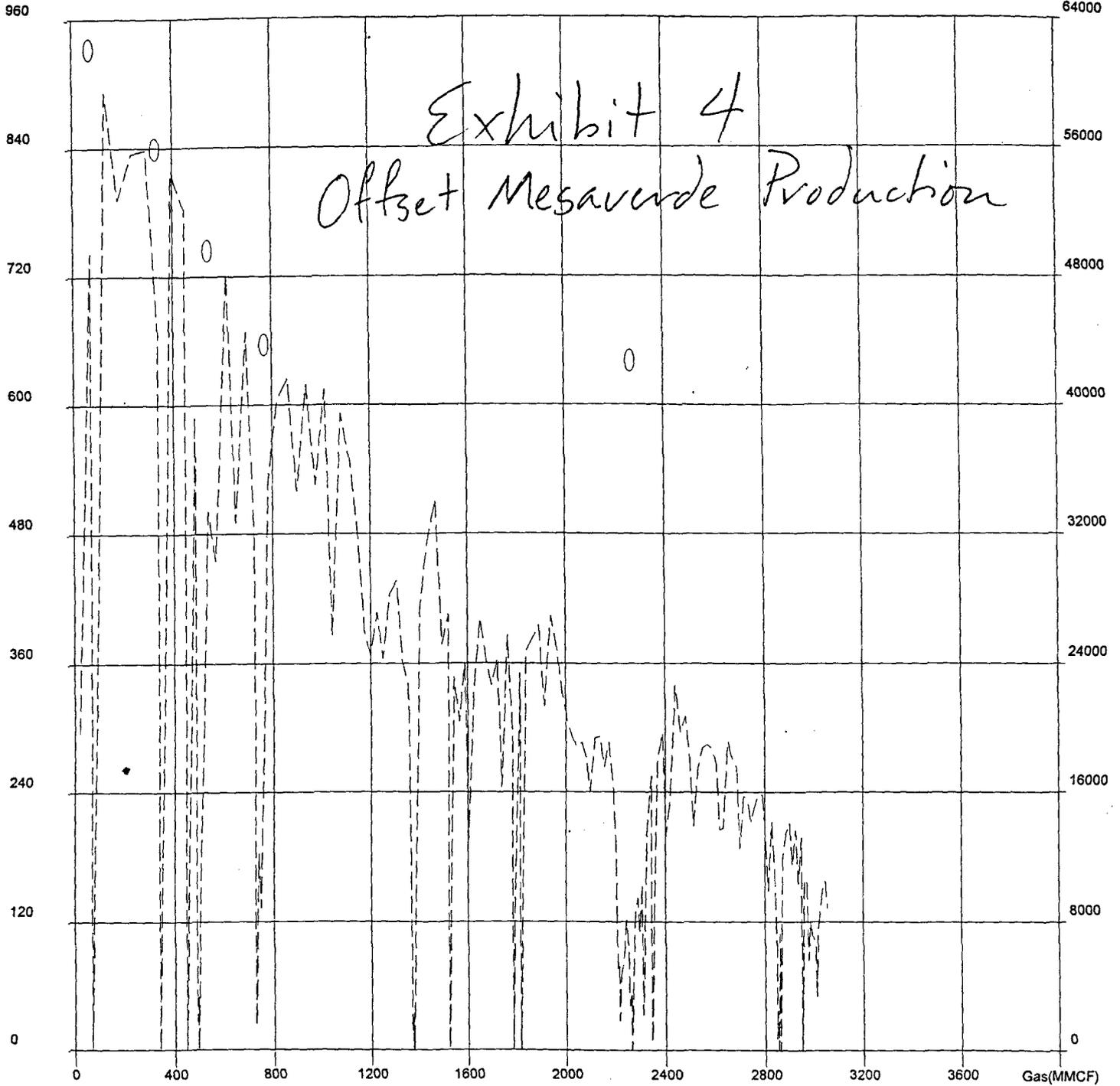
Exhibit 3 B

Dwights

Lease: FEDERAL (6E)

07/20/98

Retrieval Code: 251,045,29N11W06E00MV



WHSIP

County: SAN JUAN, NM

F.P. Date: 09/81

Gas (mcf/mo) -----

Field: CROUCH MESA (MESAVARDE) MV

Oil Cum: 10.75 mbbbl

Reservoir: MESAVARDE

Gas Cum: 3054 mmcf

Operator: CONOCO INC

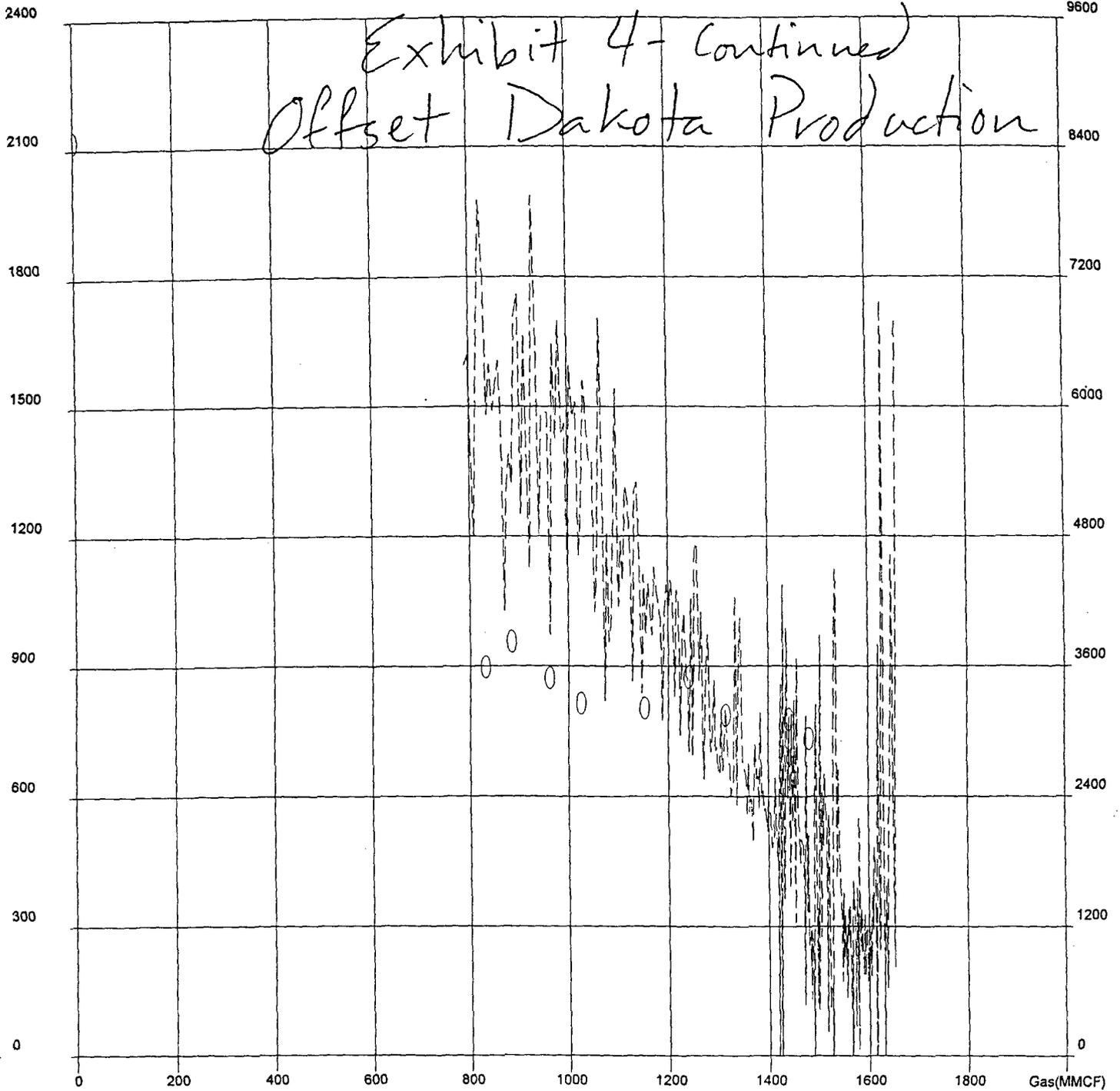
Location: 6E 29N 11W

Dwights

Lease: FIFIELD 5 (1)

07/20/98

Retrieval Code: 251,045,29N11W05N00DK



WHSIP

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County: SAN JUAN, NM

F.P. Date: 01/67

Gas (mcf/mo) -----

Field: BASIN (DAKOTA) DK

Oil Cum: 9417 bbl

Reservoir: DAKOTA

Gas Cum: 1659 mmcf

Operator: CONOCO INC

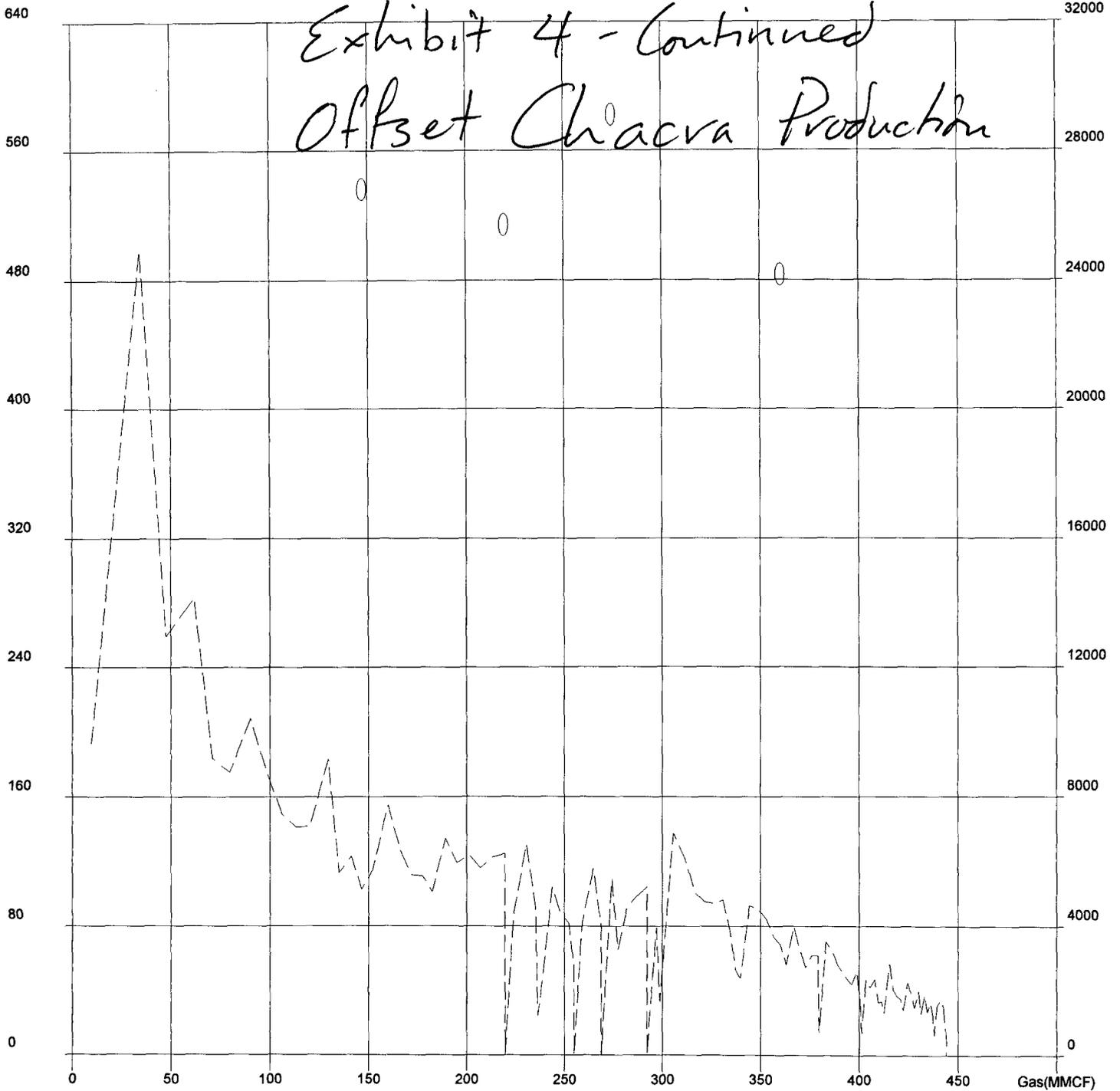
Location: 5N 29N 11W

Dwights

Lease: DUFF (000007)

08/27/98

Retrieval Code: 251,045,29N11W08P00CK



WHSIP

County: SAN JUAN, NM	F.P. Date: 02/80
Field: OTERO (CHACRA) CK	Oil Cum: 0 bbl
Reservoir: CHACRA	Gas Cum: 444.3 mmcf
Operator: BURLINGTON RES O&G CO	Location: 8P 29N 11W

Gas (mcf/mo) -----

-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

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Well Name: **CROUCH MESA MESAVERDE - INITIAL**
Gas Gravity: **0.70** % N2 **1.10**
Condensate (yes=1): **1** % CO2 **0.60 %**
Reservoir Temp: **110 'F** % H2S **0.00 %**
Surface Temp: **60 'F** Pc = **665.45 %**
Depth of Zone: **3,300 feet** Tc = **380.43**
Tubing Diameter: **1.995 inches**

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
psia	Mcf/d	psia		psia
900	0	989	0.860	1,151

Exhibit 5
Calculated Bottom Hole Pressure

-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

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Well Name: CROUCH MESA MESAVERDE - *Current*
Gas Gravity: 0.70 % N2 1.10
Condensate (yes=1): 1 % CO2 0.60 %
Reservoir Temp: 110 'F % H2S 0.00 %
Surface Temp: 60 'F Pc = 665.45 %
Depth of Zone: 3,300 feet Tc = 380.43
Tubing Diameter: 1.995 inches

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
psia	Mcf/d	psia		psia
600	0	656	0.904	726

Exhibit 5 - cont.

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-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

Well Name: **BASIN DAKOTA - INITIAL**
Gas Gravity: **0.70** % N2 **1.10**
Condensate (yes=1): **1** % CO2 **0.60 %**
Reservoir Temp: **150 'F** % H2S **0.00 %**
Surface Temp: **60 'F** Pc = **665.45 %**
Depth of Zone: **6,000 feet** Tc = **380.43**
Tubing Diameter: **1.995 inches**

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
psia	Mcf	psia		psia
2,100	0	2,525	0.828	3,051.

Exhibit 5 - cont.

-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

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Well Name: **BASIN DAKOTA - CURRENT**
Gas Gravity: **0.70** % N2 **1.10**
Condensate (yes=1): **1** % CO2 **0.60 %**
Reservoir Temp: **150 'F** % H2S **0.00 %**
Surface Temp: **60 'F** Pc = **665.45 %**
Depth of Zone: **6,000 feet** Tc = **380.43**
Tubing Diameter: **1.995 inches**

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
	Mcf	psia		psia
	0	820	0.908	903

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-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

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Well Name: **OTERO CHACRA - INITIAL**
Gas Gravity: **0.70** % N2 **1.10**
Condensate (yes=1): **1** % CO2 **0.60 %**
Reservoir Temp: **120 'F** % H2S **0.00 %**
Surface Temp: **60 'F** Pc = **665.45 %**
Depth of Zone: **3,160 feet** Tc = **380.43**
Tubing Diameter: **1.995 inches**

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
psia	Mcf/d	psia		psia
640	0	697	0.905	770

*Exhibit 5
cont.*

Bhpcalc

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-- BHP or Pwf Calculation --

Well Name: **OTERO CHACRA - CURRENT**
Gas Gravity: **0.70** % N2 **1.10**
Condensate (yes=1): **1** % CO2 **0.60 %**
Reservoir Temp: **120 'F** % H2S **0.00 %**
Surface Temp: **60 'F** Pc = **665.45 %**
Depth of Zone: **3,160 feet** Tc = **380.43**
Tubing Diameter: **1.995 inches**

SITP	Rate	BHP	Z	BHP/Z
psia	Mcf/d	psia		psia
450	0	488	0.932	524

*Exhibit 5
cont.*