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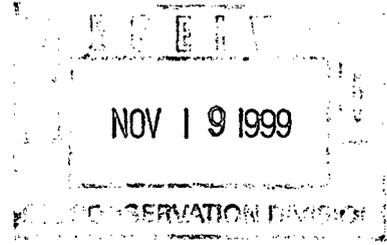
Houston Division  
Production Operations, United States



P.O. Box 2490  
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Telephone 505/393-7106

November 15, 1999

Mr. David Catanach  
Oil Conservation Department  
Energy and Minerals Department  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



**RE: Request for Exception to Rule 303-A  
Downhole Commingling  
Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8  
Unit Letter P, 990' FSL & 990' FEL  
Section 27, T-26-N, R-5-W  
Blanco Picture Cliff & Basin Dakota  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

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Enclosed is pertinent data supporting this application as outlined in Rule 303-A. If additional information is necessary, please contact me at (505) 393-7106, ext 201.

Sincerely,

*Thomas P. Kacir*  
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Production Engineer

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NM BLM  
Deputy State Director  
Resource Planning, Use and Protection  
P.O. Box 27115  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115

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**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO RULE 303-A**  
**Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8**

**A: Operator**

Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 2490  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241

**B: Lease Name and Well Number**

Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8  
Unit Letter P, 990' FSL & 990' FEL  
Section 27, T-26-N, R-5-W  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico  
Blanco Pictured Cliffs South, Basin Dakota

**C: Plats and Offset Operators**

Attached

**D: C-116's**

Attached

**E: Production Decline Curves**

Expected Decline Curves are Attached

**F: Estimated Bottomhole Pressures**

	Current
Blanco Pictured Cliffs	750 psi
Basin Dakota	510 psi

**G: Product Characteristics**

Previous commingling of these zones by other operators in this area have shown that the produced fluids are compatible and commingling will not cause formation damage.

**H: Value**

Marathon receives the same price for product from these zones and value will not be adversely affected.

**I: Production Allocation**

<u>POOL</u>	<u>BOPD</u>	<u>MCFD</u>	<u>BWPD</u>	<u>Estimated Methods</u>
Pictured Cliffs	0.1	108	0.3	Post Workover (note below)
Basin Dakota	<u>0.4</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>0.5</u>	Pre-Workover Average
Total	0.5	177	0.8	

<u>Allocated Percentages</u>	<u>Oil %</u>	<u>Gas %</u>	<u>Water %</u>
Pictured Cliffs	20	61	38
Basin Dakota	<u>80</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>62</u>
Total	100	100	100

**J: Ownership**

Ownership of all zones is common and correlative rights will not be compromised.

**K: Offset Operators**

A list of offset operators is included. The offset operators were not notified because of the rule change in July 1999, eliminating the notification of offset operators.

**OFFSETTING OPERATORS**  
**Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8**  
**UL "P", 990' FSL, 990' FEL**  
**Section 27, T-26-N, R-5-W**  
**Rio Arriba County, New Mexico**

On the North, Northwest, West, Southwest and South:

Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 2490  
Hobbs, NM 88240

On the Northeast, East and Southeast:

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company  
3535 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Farmington, NM 87402

## **DHC Additional Data**

The Pictured Cliffs in Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8, is expected to have additional back pressure on it when DHC with the Dakota.

Pictured Cliffs gas production after DHC w/ Dakota is expected to be:

Static TP = 640 psig

Current Producing TP = 45 psig

Expected Producing CP = 125 psig (plunger lift w/ Dakota)

Currently the Pictured Cliffs drawdown is at 93% of static.

Expected Pictured Cliffs drawdown will be at 80% of static.

The current gas rate will be reduced by 14% due to the change in drawdown.

Current gas rate = 126 MCFPD

Expected gas rate = 108 MCFPD

The production from the Basin Dakota in Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8 was average from January 1998 through February 1999. Attempts to blow down the intermediate casing, keep the latter data from being representative of the Dakota production. The average production rates were used for allocation purposes and prediction of Dakota production after DHC with Pictured Cliffs.



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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Form C-116  
Revised 1/1/89

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## GAS - OIL RATIO TEST

Operator		Pool		County									
Marathon Oil Company		Blanco Pictured Cliffs & Basin Dakota		Rio Arriba									
Address		TYPE OF TEST - (X)		Completion	Special								
P.O. Box 2490 Hobbs, NM 88240		<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled	<input type="checkbox"/> DAILY ALLOWABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> GRAV. OIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special								
LEASE NAME	WELL NO.	LOCATION			DATE OF TEST	CHOKE SIZE	TBG. PRESS.	LENGTH OF TEST HOURS	WATER BBL'S.	PROD. DURING TEST		GAS-OIL RATIO CU.FT./BBL	
		U	S	T						R	OIL BBL'S.		GAS M.C.F.
Jicarilla Apache : PC	8	P	27	26	5	11/02/99	F	41	24	0.1	0.2	126	630,000
Jicarilla Apache : Dakota	9	P	27	26	5	9/02/99	P	40	24	0.1	0.1	92	920,000

**Instructions:**

During gas-oil ratio test, each well shall be produced at a rate not exceeding the top unit allowable for the pool in which well is located by more than 25 percent. Operator is encouraged to take advantage of this 25 percent tolerance in order that well can be assigned increased allowables when authorized by the Division.

Gas volumes must be reported in MCF measured at a pressure base of 15.025 psia and a temperature of 60°F. Specific gravity base will be 0.60.

Report casing pressure in lieu of tubing pressure for any well producing through casing.

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

*Thomas P. Kacir*  
Signature

Thomas P. Kacir      Production Engineer

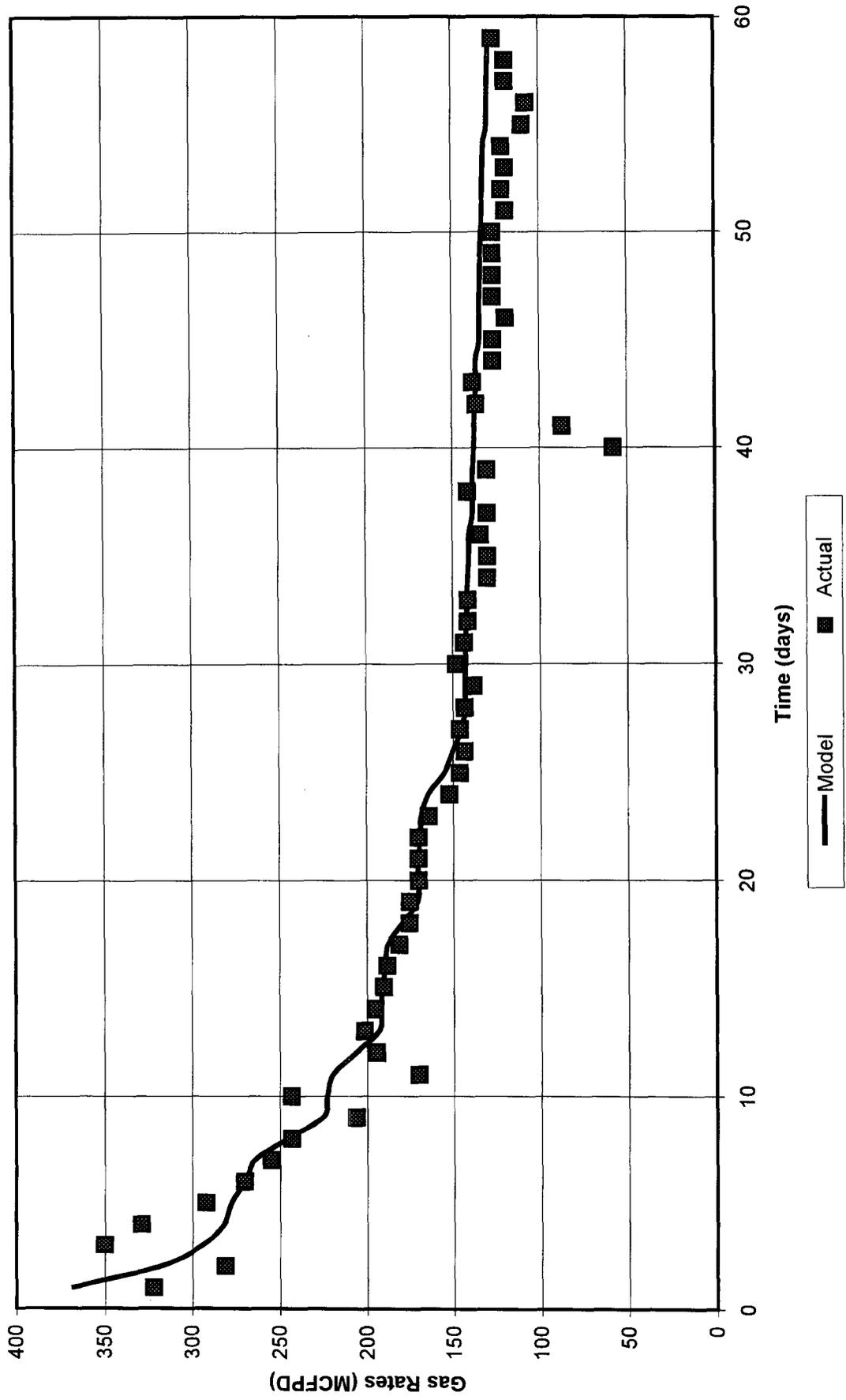
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November 12, 1999      (505) 393-7106

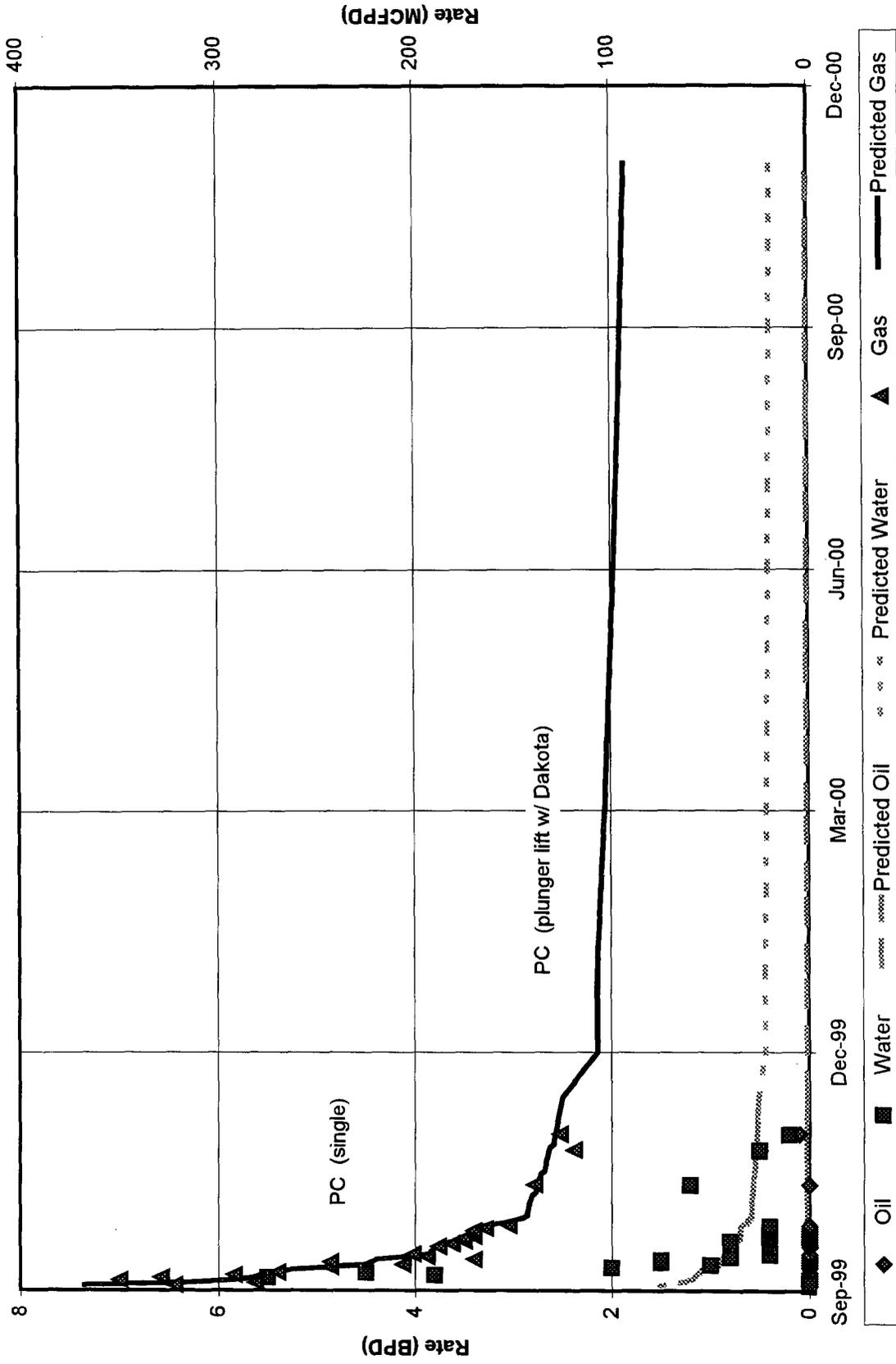
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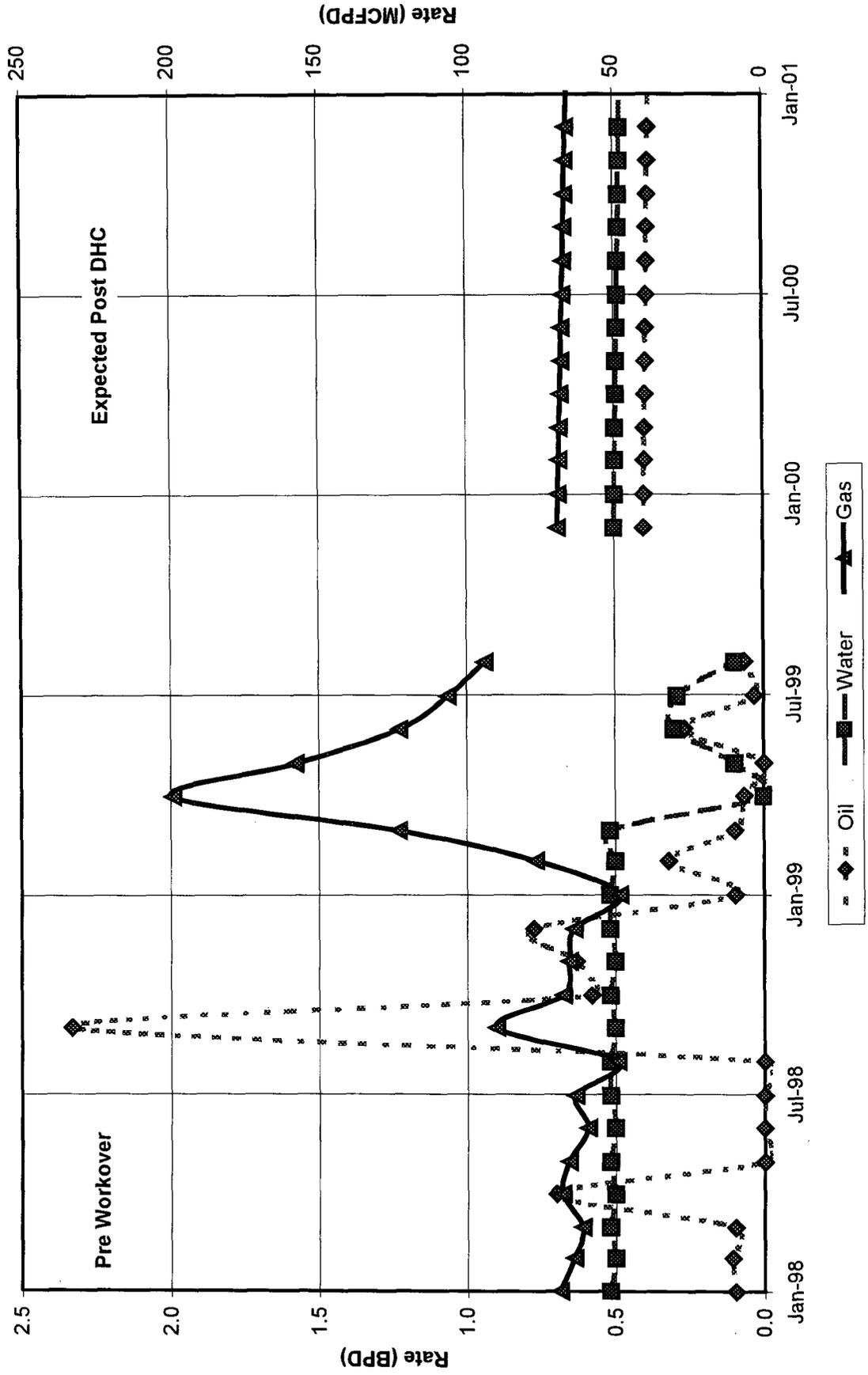
Jicarilla Apache #8  
Picture Cliff



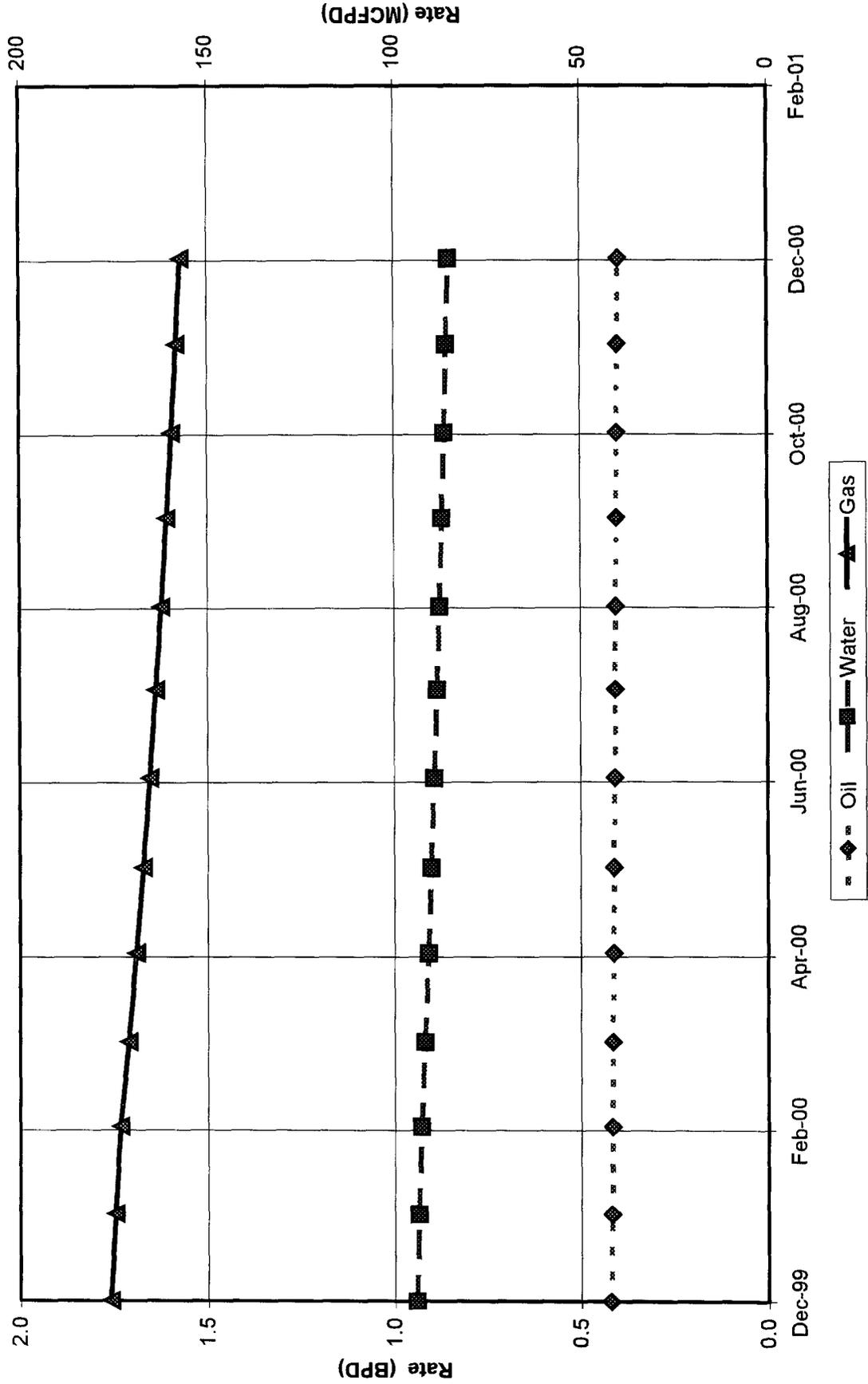
Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8  
Picture Cliff Pool Production



Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8  
Basin Dakota



# Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8 Expected Pictured Cliffs & Dakota Production



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Revised October 18, 1994  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

<sup>1</sup> API Number 30-039-06280		<sup>2</sup> Pool Code 72439	<sup>3</sup> Pool Name Blanco Picture Cliff	
<sup>4</sup> Property Code 6414	<sup>5</sup> Property Name Jicarilla Apache			<sup>6</sup> Well Number 8
<sup>7</sup> OGRID No. 014021	<sup>8</sup> Operator Name Marathon Oil Company			<sup>9</sup> Elevation 6660' GL

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location

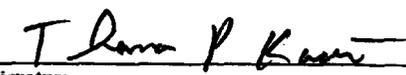
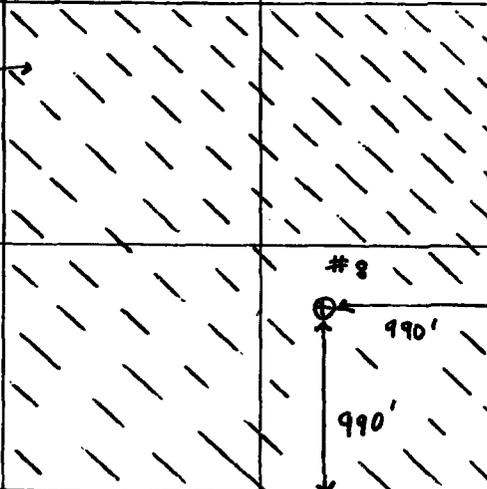
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<sup>11</sup> Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

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<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 160	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.
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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.

			27	<sup>17</sup> OPERATOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</i>   Signature Thomas P. Kacir Printed Name Production Engineer Title 9-22-99 Date
	Dedicated Acreage →			<sup>18</sup> SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION <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:

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

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Administrative  Hearing

EXISTING WELLBORE

YES  NO

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

Operator Marathon Oil Company Address PO Box 2490, Hobbs, NM 88241

Well No. Jicarilla Apache Well No. 8 Well No. III, P. Sec 27, T-26-N, R-5-W County Rio Arriba

OGRID NO. 14021 Property Code 6414 API NO. 30-039-06280 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 Zones	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	Blanco Pictured Cliffs 72439	N/A	Basin Dakota 71599
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	3070-3134'		7258-7402'
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Gas		Gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Current Flowing Expect Artificial Lift		Artificial Lift
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated Or Measured Original	a. (Current) 750 psi	a.	a. 510 psi
	b. (Original) (1955) 1080 psi	b.	b. (1967) 3170 psi
6. Oil Gravity (° API) or Gas BTU Content	1094		1212
7. Producing or Shut-in?	Producing		Shut-in
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: N/A	Date: Rates:	Date: 9/2/99 Rates: 0.1/92/0.1
	Date: 11/2/99 Rates: 0.1/126/0.3	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates: N/A
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula - % for each zone	Oil: 20% Gas: 61%	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: 80% Gas: 39%

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(C) 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 Thomas P. Kacir TITLE Production Eng DATE 11/15/99

TYPE OR PRINT NAME Thomas P. Kacir TELEPHONE NO. ( 505 ) 393-7106