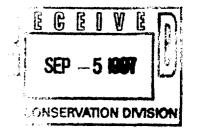


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August 27, 1997

NMOCD Hobbs District Attn: Mr. Chris Williams P. O. Box 1980 Hobbs, NM 88240



RE: Request for Exception to Rule 303A Application to Surface Commingle

Dear Mr. Williams:

(oil 6660) 49210

Cross Timbers Operating Company requests administrative approval to surface commingle liquid hydrocarbon production for the Blinebry Oil & Gas Pool and the Paddock Pool on our Ollie J Boyd Lease.

Four wells are being produced into the battery. The Blinebry oil's API gravity for the lease averages about 38.9°. The Boyd #7 and #8 produce from the Blinebry formation with a combined rate of approximately 14 BOPD. After the recompletion work, the Boyd #2 and #4 will produce from the Paddock formation with an expected combined initial rate of 40 BOPD. The field measured API gravity for the Paddock oil is 39.2°. The API gravity of the commingled oil is expected to be approximately 39.0°. Based on similar API oil gravity, the commercial value of the oil should not be effected whether it is sold separately or commingled. In addition, the cost to install new separate production facilities cannot be justified.

Attached you will find a schematic diagram of our Boyd Lease tank battery and a plat showing the well locations.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ray F. Martin

Operations Engineer

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