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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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4/10/92*

SUBJECT:
Requesting Approval for
Exception to Rule 303-A
for Gas and Oil Production
Rincon Unit, Well No. 167-M
Sec 13 T27N - R7W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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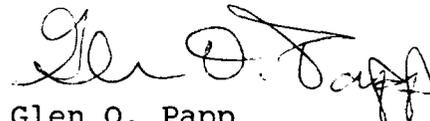
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EXHIBIT No. 1



GAS ACCOUNTING SCHEMATIC

RINCON UNIT # 167-M

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

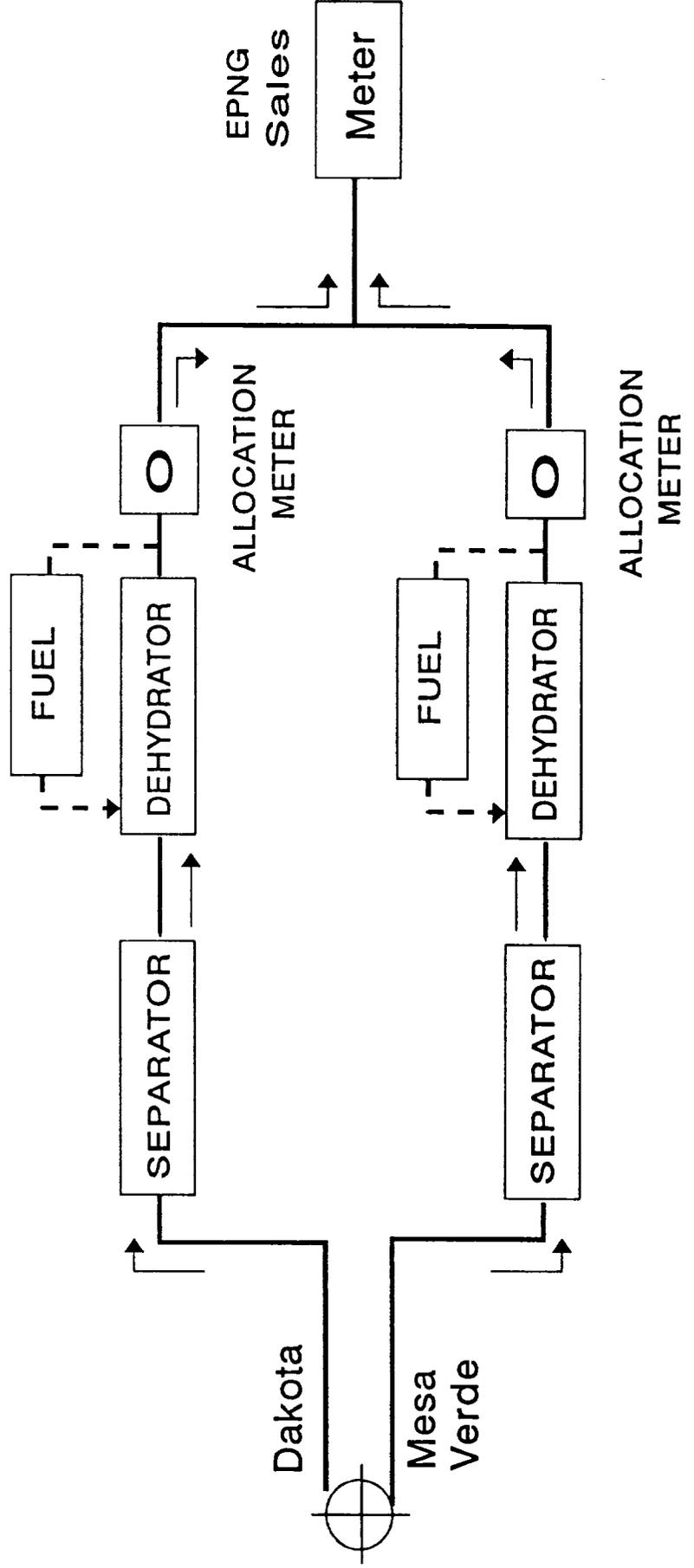


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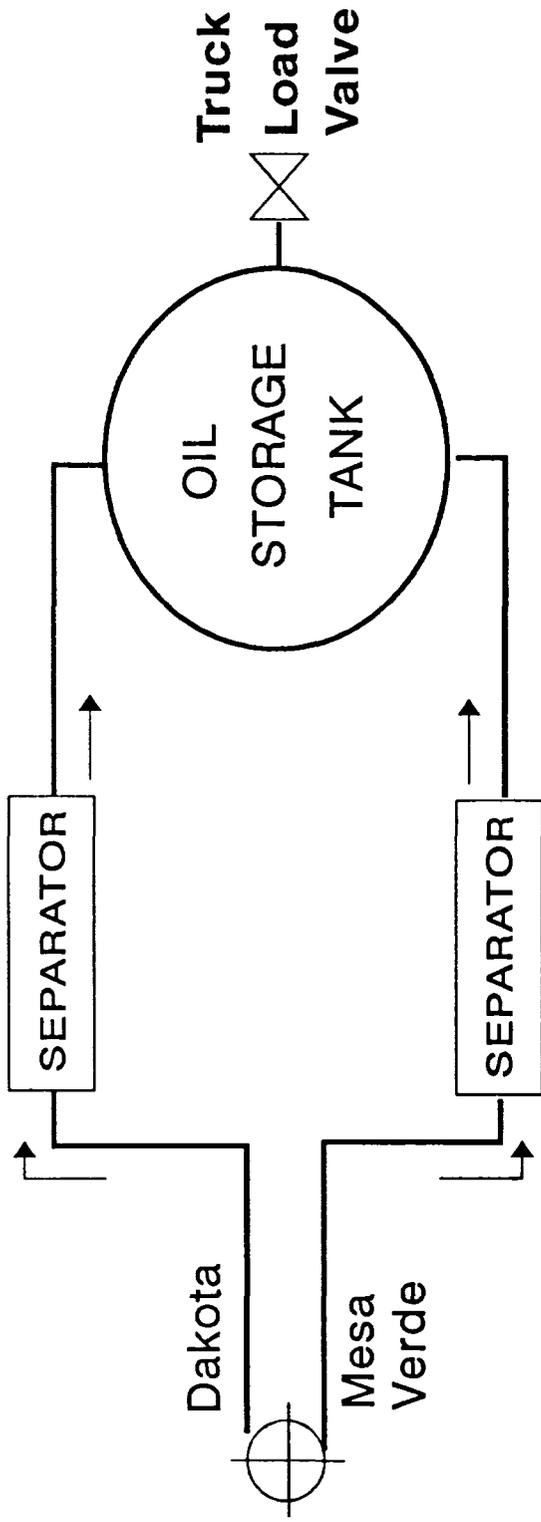
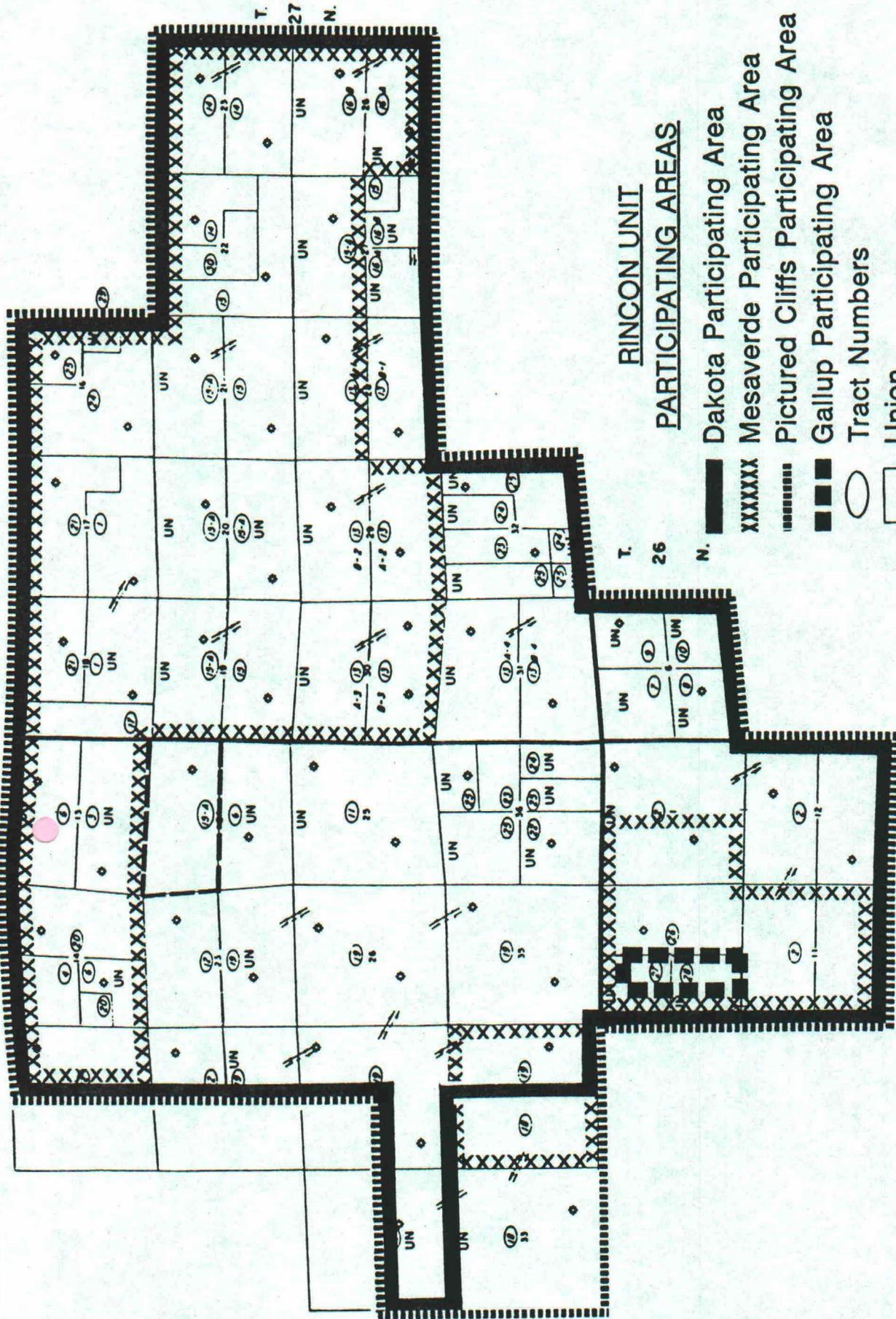


EXHIBIT No. 3

R. 7 W. R. 6 W.



RINCON UNIT

PARTICIPATING AREAS

- Dakota Participating Area
- Mesaverde Participating Area
- Pictured Cliffs Participating Area
- Gallup Participating Area
- Tract Numbers
- Union
- Proposed Well--167-M

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

EXHIBIT #4

FEDERAL LEASE #	# ACRES	LOCATION
SF-079298 - D	768.76	T27N - R7W Sec 13 N/2 Sec 14: NE/4SW/4, S/2SW/4 Sec 24: S/2

OTHER WELLS ON LEASE

WELL #	PRODUCING ZONE	LOCATION (T27N - R7W)
36	PICTURED CLIFFS	975' FSL, 1450' FWL, Sec 14
58	PICTURED CLIFFS	990' FSL, 980' FWL, Sec 24
59	PICTURED CLIFFS	1650' FSL, 1645' FEL, Sec 24
88	PICTURED CLIFFS /MESAVERDE	1800' FSL, 1750' FEL, Sec 13
87	PICTURED CLIFFS	1800' FSL, 1700' FWL, Sec 13
133	DAKOTA	1600' FSL, 1650' FWL, Sec 14
137	MESAVERDE /DAKOTA	1500' FNL, 1800' FWL, Sec 24
276	FRUITLAND	1080' FNL, 1240' FEL, Sec 13
279	FRUITLAND	1735' FSL, 1456'FWL, Sec 14
* 167 - M	MESAVERDE /DAKOTA	1154'FNL, 1850' FWL, Sec 13

* Proposed Well

EXHIBIT #5 GAS ALLOCATION CALCULATIONS

1) Allocation Factor (AF):

$$AF = \frac{\text{Integrated Central Meter Volume (MCF/MO)}}{\sum_{1}^{2} \text{Integrated Individual Meter Volumes (MCF/MO)}}$$

2) Allocation to Individual Zones:

Zone	Integrated Individual Meter Volume	Monthly AF	Allotted Volume (MCF/MO)
Mesa Verde	Vol ₁	AF	Vol ₁ x AF
Dakota	Vol ₂	AF	Vol ₂ x AF

EXHIBIT #6
OIL
ALLOCATION CALCULATIONS

1) Production Test completed on both zones, yields:

$$\text{Mesa Verde Test Rate} = R_1 \text{ (BPD)}$$

$$\text{Dakota Test Rate} = R_2 \text{ (BPD)}$$

2) Days On / Month

$$\text{Mesa Verde Days On} = A$$

$$\text{Dakota Days On} = B$$

3) i) Actual Total Monthly Gauge Volume: G (BPM)

ii) Calculated Individual Volumes:

$$\text{Mesa Verde} = R_1 \times A$$

$$\text{Dakota} = R_2 \times B$$

$$\text{Total Volume} = R_1(A) + R_2(B)$$

4) Allocation Factor (AF):

$$AF = \frac{G}{R_1(A) + R_2(B)}$$

5) Corrected Allocation Volumes:

$$\text{Mesa Verde} = AF \times R_1(A)$$

$$\text{Dakota} = AF \times R_2(B)$$

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