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APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO NO-FLARE RULE 306 (See Rule 306 and Rule 1129)

Applicant _____SONAT RATON, L.L.C.______, A. whose address is ___P.O. Box 190; 309 Silver, Raton, NM 87740_____, hereby requests an exception to Rule 306 for 90 days or until May 29 , Yr 2000, for the following described tank battery or (LACT): Name of Lease ____VPR 'D 21 F ___ Name of Pool __Castle Rock Park (D) Location of Battery: Unit Letter ____N___Section _32__Township 31N Range____ 18E B. Based upon oil production of barrels per day, the estimated * volume of gas to be flared is _0 to 200_____MCF; Value _\$0 to \$400.____ per day. C. Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility: VPR 'A' Compressor Station; NE ½ Sec. L, T31 N, R19E D. Distance 27 miles Estimated cost of connection E. This exception is requested for the following reasons: The well will be completed as a re-entry. After completion, the produced water will be used as source water for subsequent drilling operations. Much of the flared gas will be nitrogen contaminated. **OPERATOR** OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION I hereby certify that the rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation May 25, 2000 Division have been complied with and that the information given above Approved Until is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature Dip L-all Printed Name Title DISTRI & Title Donald R. Lankford, Petrol. Eng.

Date

Date 02/21/00 Telephone No. (505)445-4621

^{*} Gas-Oil ratio test may be required to verify estimated gas volume.