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Form C-129

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NFO Permit No. _____ (For Division Use Only)

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 _______days or until May 29 ____, Yr 2000, for the following described tank battery or (LACT): Name of Lease ____VPR 'D 20 F___Name of Pool __Castle Rock Park (D) _____ Location of Battery: Unit Letter N Section 32 Township 31N Range 18E Based upon oil production of _________barrels per day, the estimated * volume B. of gas to be flared is 0 to 200 MCF; Value \$0 to \$400. per day. Name and location of nearest gas gathering facility: C. VPR 'A' Compressor Station; NE ½ Sec. L, T31 N, R19E_____ Distance 27 miles Estimated cost of connection ____ D. This exception is requested for the following reasons: E. 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 Division have been complied with and that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	Approved Unt 1 May, 25, 2000
Signature DR Lond	By Ky Elekun
Printed Name & Title Donald R. Lankford, Petrol. Eng	Title DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
Date02/21/00Telephone No(505)445-4621	Date Feb. 23, 2000

Gas-Oil ratio test may be required to verify estimated gas volume.