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State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-129
Revised March 17, 1999

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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)

- A. Applicant SONAT RATON, L.L.C.,
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 20 F Name of Pool Castle Rock Park (D)
Location of Battery: Unit Letter N Section 32 Township 31N Range 18E
Number of wells producing into battery 1
- B. Based upon oil production of 0 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 1/2 Sec. L, T31 N, R19E
- D. Distance 27 miles Estimated cost of connector _____
- 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

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.

Signature DR Lankford

Printed Name
& Title Donald R. Lankford, Petrol. Eng.

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

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Approved Until May, 25, 2000

By R. E. Johnson

Title DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Date Feb. 23, 2000

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