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| APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, RE-ENTER, DEEPEN,  Operator Name and Address El Paso Energy Raton, L.L. C. P.O. Box 190 Raton, NM 87740 |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              | <sup>2</sup> OGRID Number<br>180514<br><sup>3</sup> API Number<br>30-007- 2025 7 |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     | y Name<br>Ranch (VPR)           |                              |  | 6 Well No.<br>VPRE-23                    |  |  |
|  |                                 |                               |   | <sup>7</sup> Su                    | rface Location                      | )n                              |                              |  |  |  |  |
| UL or lot no.  | Section                         | Township                      | Range                                     | Lot Idn                            | Feet from the                       |                                 |                              | Feet from the  | East/Wes-line                            |  |  |
| G  | 32                              | 32N                           | 19E                                       | G                                  | 1796                                | NORTH                           |                              | 1855'  |  | County                                 |  |
|  |                                 | 8                             | Proposed Bo                               | ottom Hole                         |                                     |                                 |                              |  | EAST                                     | Colfax                                 |  |
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| Proposed Pool 1  Stubblefield Canyon Raton-Vermejo Gas (96970)   |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  | osed Pool 2                              |  |  |
|  |                                 | u cunyon                      | reacon-verm                               | cjo Gas (9097                      | <u> </u>                            |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
|  | Work Type Code                  |                               | 12 Well Type Code<br>G                    |                                    |                                     |                                 | <sup>[4</sup> Lea:           | Lease Type Code  |  | 15 Ground Level Elevation              |  |
| <sup>16</sup> Mi   | 16 Multiple No                  |                               | Proposed Depth                            | Pepth ROTARY/ Trinidae Trinidae    |                                     | P  19 Contractor  Not Available |                              | Contractor   | 8398'(GL)  20 Spud Date  March 1st, 2001 |  |  |
|  |                                 | r                             | 21 Pr                                     | oposed Cas                         | ing and Cen                         | ent Progr                       |                              |  |  | aren 131, 2001                         |  |
| Hole Size Casing   |                                 |                               | ng Size                                   |                                    |                                     |                                 | etting Depth Sacks of Cement |  | Estimated TOC                            |  |  |
| 11"  | 11"8                            |                               | 5/8"                                      | 23#                                |                                     | 300'                            |                              | +/-100 sx.   |  | SURFACE                                |  |
| 7 7/8  | 7 7/8"                          |                               | 1/2                                       | 15.50#                             |                                     | 2750'                           |                              | +/-300 sx.   |  | SURFACE                                |  |
|  |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  | SOTUTION                               |  |
|  |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  | ······································ |  |
|  |                                 |                               |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Describe t<br>zone. Des  | he proposed<br>cribe the bl     | d program. It<br>owout prever | this application in<br>tion program, if a | s to DEEPEN or<br>ny. Use addition | PLUG BACK, givenal sheets if necess | e the data on<br>ary.           | the prese                    | nt productive z  | one and propose                          | d new productive                       |  |
| 1. Drill 11" h   | ole to +/- 31                   | 10° with air.                 |   |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Set 8 5/8"   | surface casi                    | ng at +/- 300                 | and cement to sur                         | rface.                             |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Drill 7 7/8   | hole to 27:                     | 50' with air.                 | Run open hole logs                        |                                    |                                     |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Set 5 ½" p  | roduction ca                    | asing to TD ar                | nd cement to surfac                       | e. Cement volun                    | nes calculated off o                | pen hole logs.                  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Perforate a  | nd stimulat                     | e Vermejo an                  | d/or Raton Coals.                         | Clean out well be                  | ore and run product                 | ion equipment                   | t.                           |  |  |  |  |
| <sup>3</sup> I hereby certif   | y that the ir                   | nformation gi                 | ven above is true                         | and complete to t                  | the                                 | 01                              |                              |  |  |  |  |
| est of my know   |                                 |                               |   | •                                  |                                     | OIL.                            | CONS                         | ERVATI   | ØŊDIVISI                                 | ON                                     |  |
| ignature DR LIL  |                                 |                               |   | Approv                             | ed by:                              | 14 (                            | >" Notice                    | u -  |  |  |  |
| rinted name: Donald R. Lankford  |                                 |                               |   |                                    | Title:                              | DISTRI                          | CT :                         | SUPERI   | /ISOR                                    |  |  |
| Citle: Senior Pe   | itle: Senior Petroleum Engineer |                               |   |                                    |                                     | al Date: 3                      | 7 -                          |  | piration Date:                           | 3/5/02                                 |  |
| Date: 02/09/20(  | 11                              |                               | Phone: (505) 4-                           | 15-4620                            |                                     | ons of Approva                  |                              | 1 200  | , and Date.                              | - 1 - 1                                |  |
|  |                                 |                               |   |                                    | Attached                            |                                 |                              |  |  |  |  |

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|  |   | W                  | ELL LC          | CATIO              | ON AND AC                             | REAGE DED                 | ICATION PLAT   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <sup>1</sup> API Number  |   |                    |                 |                    | ode<br>)                              |                           | <sup>3</sup> <b>Pool Name</b><br>Stubblefield Canyon Raton - Vermej                                      | RITHE  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | <sup>6</sup> Well Number<br>VPR'E'-23  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OGRID No.  180514  EL PASO ENERGY RATON . L. L. C                |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           |  | * Elevation  |  |  |  |  |
| 180514 EL PASO ENERGY RATON, L.L.C. 8398.0'  10 Surface Location |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UL or lot no.<br>G   | Section<br>32                                     | Township<br>T 32 N | Range<br>R 19 E | Lot Idn<br>G       | Feet from the 1795.5                  | North/South line<br>NORTH | Feet from the East/West I<br>1855.0 EAS  | 1*   |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 12 Dedicated Acres   | 13 Joint or                                       | Infill **          | Consolidation C | ode 15             | Order No.                             |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 16   |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | 111  | CERTIFICATION ation contained herein is true and   |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | complete to the best of my know  | vledge and belief  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |   |                    |                 | 1                  | Signature 701                         |                           | Signature DR La  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    | •                                     | 1855=                     | (  | Printed Name DONALD R. LANKFORD  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | Tide SENIOR PETROLEU   | M ENGINEER   |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | ·                  |                 | ]                  |                                       |                           | Date   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | 18SURVEYOR   | CERTIFICATION  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | I hereby certify that the well kn<br>from field notes of actual surve<br>and that the same is true and c | cation shown on this plat was plotted<br>ys made by me or under my supervision<br>orrect to the best of my belief. |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | JANUARY 23, 2001   | · ·  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           | Date of Survey   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                           | Signature and Seal of Profession   | nal Surveyor   |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                    |                 |                    |                                       |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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January 4, 2001

David S. Frank
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Vermejo Minerals Corporation
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Re: York Canyon Area Development Plans

Dear David:

By letter dated December 21, 2000, you forwarded to me a map dated December 18, 2000 entitled "P&M Proposed Strip Mine in Upper York Canyon". The map indicated the proposed locations of Vermejo Minerals 2001 wells. As discussed between George Crank of the York Canyon Mine and a member of your engineering staff, a number of the proposed well locations and the compressor station fall within the defined Upper York Canyon Coal Resource of P&M. In addition, some of the proposed wells are within the boundaries of the underground Cimarron Mine Permit. The Cimarron Mine is closed and under reclamation.

As you are aware, surface use and mineral development of the Vermejo Ranch is subject to and controlled by a certain Amended and Restated Indenture Agreement between Vermejo Park Corporation, Vermejo Minerals Corporation, The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co. and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. dated January 31, 1989. As such, P&M has no objection to your proposed 2001 drilling program as outlined in your letter of December 21, 2000.

I look forward to meeting with you later this month to review in more detail your 2001 plans and to discuss P&M's 2001 work plan. In the meantime, should you need anything further, please let me know

Sincerely,

Garry L. Miller

George Crank, York Canyon Mine