

March 13, 1996

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Street P. O. Box 6429 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Application for Exception to Rule 303-C

Downhole Commingling

Barnes LS #4A Well

1018' FNL & 1720' FWL, Unit C Section 26-T32N-R11W

Blanco Mesaverde (Pool IDN 72319) and Blanco Pictured Cliffs (Pool IDN 72359) Pools

San Juan County, New Mexico

Amoco Production Company hereby requests administrative approval to downhole commingle production from the Blanco Mesaverde and Blanco Pictured Cliffs Pools in the Barnes LS #4A well referenced above. The Barnes LS #4A is currently a dual completion in the Mesaverde and Pictured Cliffs formations with the Pictured Cliffs formation temporarily shut-in. We plan to complete the well with both the Mesaverde and Pictured Cliffs formations being downhole commingled in the wellbore restoring the Pictured Cliffs to production. The two zones are expected to produce at a total commingled rate of about 273 MCFD with less than 1 BCPD. The ownership (WI, RI,ORI) of these pools is not common in this wellbore. Downhole commingling will offer an economical method of production while protecting against reservoir damage, waste of reserves and violation of correlative rights. Offset operators to this well and all interest owners involved in the two formations will receive a copy of this application by certified mail.

The allocation method that we plan to use for this commingled well is as follows. Both formations historically produced at stabilized rates until the Pictured Cliffs became temporarily abandoned due to low productivity. We recommend that the Mesaverde and Pictured Cliffs formations gas and condensate be allocated based on historical rates. The Mesaverde is currently producing 273 MCFD with 0.33 BCPD while the Pictured Cliffs has historically produced at 20 MCFD with less than 1 BCPD. The recommended allocation percentages after downhole commingling would be set as a percentage of the total rate with the Mesaverde attributing 93% of gas production and 93 % of condensate production. The Pictured Cliffs would be allocated at 7% of gas production and 7 % of condensate production. The actual commercial value of the commingled production will not be less than the sum of the values of the production from each of the common sources of supply.

Attached to aid in your review are plats showing the location of the well and offset wells in the same formation, a historical and recent production plot and a C-102 for each formation. This spacing unit is located on a federal lease (SF-078039) and we will send a copy of the application to the BLM as

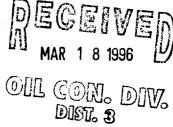
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their notice. Should you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (303) 830-5344.

Sincerely,

Pamela W. Staley

**Enclosures** 

cc: Khanh Vu

> Gail Jefferson Proration File

Well File

Frank Chavez, Supervisor NMOCD District III

1000 Rio Brazos Road

Aztec, NM 87410

Duane Spencer

Bureau of Land Management 1235 La Plata Hwy. Farmington, NM 87401

#### Application for Exception to Rule 303: SEGREGATION OF PRODUCTION FROM POOLS

#### Requirements

(1) Name and address of the operator:

Amoco Production Company P.O. Box 800 Denver, CO 80201

(2) Lease name, well number, well location, name of the pools to be commingled:

Lease Name:

Barnes LS

Well Number:

#4A

Well Location:

1018' FNL & 1720' FWL

Unit C Section 26-T32N-R11W San Juan County, New Mexico

Pools Commingled:

Blanco Mesaverde Pool (Pool IDN 72319)

Blanco Pictured Cliffs Pool (Pool IDN 72359)

(3) A plat of the area showing the acreage dedicated to the well and the ownership of all offsetting leases.

Attached

(4) A current (within 30 days) 24-hour productivity test on Division Form C-116 showing the amount of oil, gas and water produced from each zone.

The Blanco Mesaverde produced an average stabilized rate of 253 MCFD and 0.33 BCPD. The Blanco Pictured Cliffs zone historically produced at an average rate of about 20 MCFD and less than 1 BCPD.

(5) A production decline curve for both zones showing that for a period of at least one year a steady rate of decline has been established for each zone which will permit a reasonable allocation of the commingled production to each zone for statistical purposes.

Blanco Pictured Cliffs Completion:

Historical production curve attached.

Blanco Mesaverde Completion:

Historical production curve attached.

(6) Estimated bottomhole pressure for each zone. A current (within 30 days) measured bottom hole pressure for each zone capable of flowing.

Bottomhole pressures were estimated from 72 hour shut-in pressures during a packer leakage test for the well. Estimated bottomhole pressure in the Pictured Cliffs formation is 447 PSI while the estimated bottomhole pressure in the Mesaverde is 326 PSI. See attached calculations.

(7) A description of the fluid characteristics of each zone showing that the fluids will not be incompatible in the wellbore.

The two formations do not produce any fluids that are expected to prohibit commingling, or promote the creation of emulsions or scale.

(8) A computation showing that the value of the commingled production will not be less than the sum of the values of the individual streams:

Since the BTU content of the produced gasses are very similar, we would expect the commingled production to have a similar value as the sum of the individual streams.

(9) A formula for the allocation of production to each of the commingled zones and a description of the factors or data used in determining such formula:

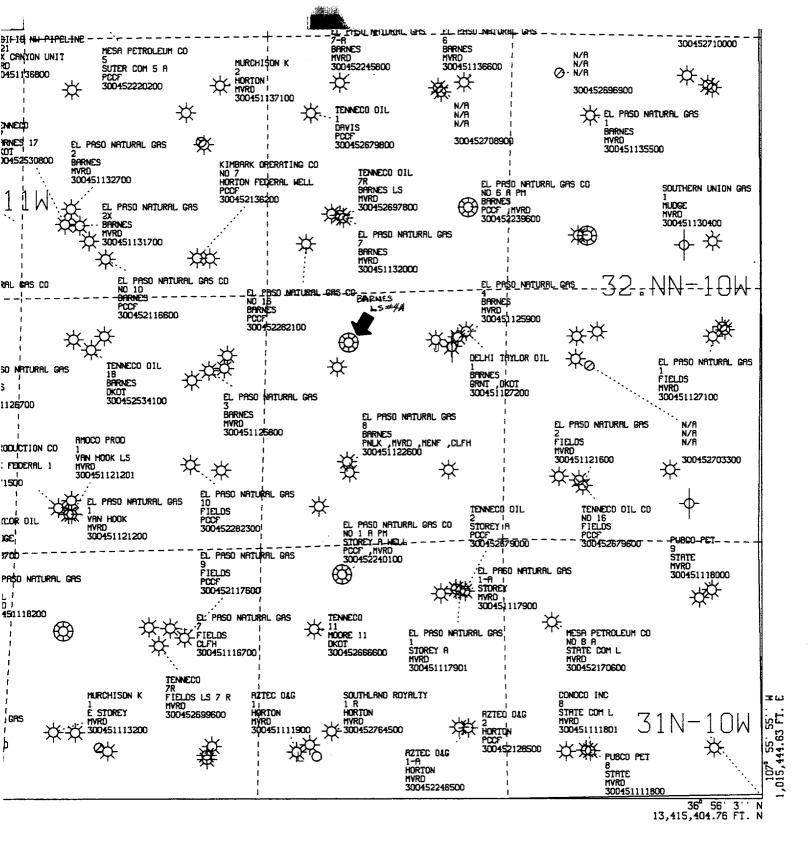
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(10) A statement that all offset operators and, in the case of a well on federal land, the United States Bureau of Land Management, have been notified in writing of the proposed commingling.

BLM will receive a copy of this application by certified mail. The offsetting operators listed on the attached sheet will receive a copy of this application by certified mail.

(11) Referencing NMOCD Order No. 10470 Rule 303 (D) (11): In a case where there is diversity of ownership between the zones to be commingled (including working royalty, or overriding royalty interest), the applicant shall submit a statement that all such interest owners have been notified in writing of the proposed commingling.

All interest owners in the two formations will receive a copy of this application by certified mail.



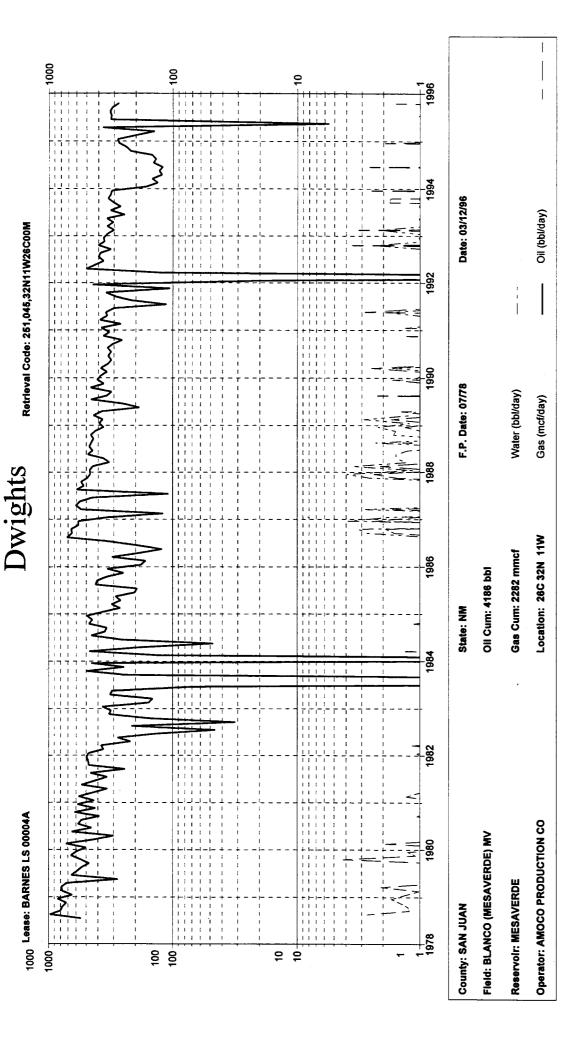


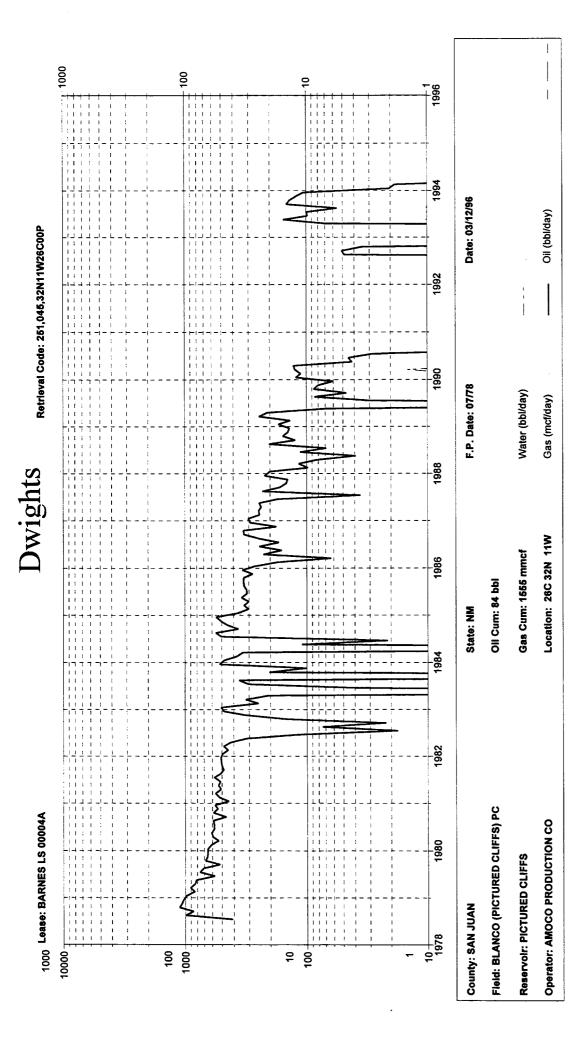
AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY
PLAT MAP
Barnes LS 4A
Offset Wells

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## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO PACKER-LEAKAGE TEST

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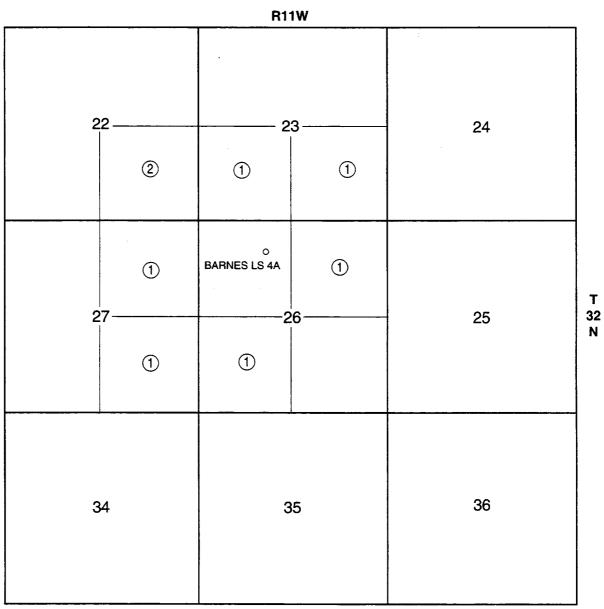
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Offset Operator Plat Barnes LS 4A T32N-R11W Sec. 26

#### Blanco Pictured Cliffs Formation



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- Amoco Production Company
   Kimbark Oil & Gas Co.

# LIST OF ADDRESSES FOR OFFSET OPERATORS Barnes LS #4A

- 1 Meridian Oil, Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499
- 2 Kimbark Oil and Gas Co. 1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 2700 Denver, CO 80202

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