

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY. MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. PACHÉCO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131

July 7, 1997

UMC Petroleum Corporation c/o James Bruce P. O. Box 1056 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Administrative Order DD-180(H)
High Angle/Horizontal

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to your application dated June 16, 1997 on behalf of the operator, UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC"), for authorization to recomplete the Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713) by side tracking off of the vertical wellbore and penetrate the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool with a horizontal drainhole within an 80-acre area comprising Lot 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

The Division Director Finds That:

- (1) The subject application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 111.D and E of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10388, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,274 on June 13, 1995;
- (2) The Townsend State Well No. 1, located at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Lot 16/Unit P) of said Section 2, which was the subject of Division Case 11714, was drilled to total depth on March 6, 1997, the Strawn interval was subsequently completed, and a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 (approved by Division Order No. R-10803, dated May 22, 1997) was dedicated to said well;
- (3) The Townsend State Well No. 1 and subject 80-acre tract are within one mile of the current boundary of the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, and is therefore subject

to the "Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9722-C/R-10448-A, issued in Case No. 11599 and dated February 26, 1997, which included provisions for: (i) 80-acre spacing and proration units each comprising of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental Quarter section; (ii) designated well location requirements such that each well drilled within the pool is to be no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary nor closer than 1020 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool; (iii) each standard 80-acre unit within said pool be subject to a depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day;

- (4) The current vertical wellbore, producing at a rate of 10 barrels of oil per day, is perforated from 11,501 feet to 11539 feet, however the well exhibits low porosity and permeability characteristics in comparison to other nearby Strawn producers within the porous algal reef mound that encompasses the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, a horizontal drainhole drilled off of the existing vertical wellbore in the Townsend State Well No. 1 as proposed is an attempt to encounter porous and permeable facies within the mound, which should result in a higher production rate and an increased ultimate recovery of oil from this well;
- (5) It is our understanding that UMC now intents to kick-off from vertical at a depth of approximately 11,473 feet by milling a window in the 5 1/2-inch production casing string, drill in a south southeasterly direction with a short radius curve (71 deg./100 feet), and drill horizontally within the Strawn formation a lateral distance of approximately 1100 feet;
- (6) The "project area" as proposed is to consist of the previously approved 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2;
- (7) The applicable drilling window or "producing area" for said wellbore should include that area within said 80-acre tract (Lot 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2) that is no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit; and,
- (8) It appears the applicant has satisfied all of the appropriate requirements prescribed in said Rule 111.D and E, the subject application should be approved and the well should be governed by the provisions contained within this order and all other applicable provisions of Division General Rule 111.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT</u> prior to commencing directional drilling operations in said wellbore, the applicant shall establish the location of the kick-off point by means of a directional survey acceptable to the Division.

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- (2) The applicant shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs District office of the Division of the date and time said wellbore surveys are to be conducted so that they may be witnessed. The applicant shall further provide a copy of said wellbore surveys to the Santa Fe and Hobbs offices of the Division upon completion.
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- (6) Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Division Rule 1105 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depth (TVD) in addition to measured depths (MVD).

(7) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. JEMAY Director

SEAL

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

File: Case 11741

Received: 6-16-97

SUSP: 2-1-97

Releved: 7-7-97

July 2, 1997

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

SEAL

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

File: Case 11741

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

September 17, 1997

UMC Petroleum Corporation c/o James Bruce P. O. Box 1056 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Administrative Order NSL-3870

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to:

- (a) your application dated August 11, 1997 on behalf of the operator, UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC"), to (i) form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated Big Dog-Strawn Pool and (ii) dedicate said acreage to the proposed Townsend State Well No. 4 to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location within said 80-acre unit 400 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the East line (Unit W) of Irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
- (b) the "Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9722-C/R-10448-A, issued in Case No. 11599 and dated February 26, 1997, which included provisions for: (i) 80-acre spacing and proration units each comprising of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental Quarter section; (ii) designated well location requirements such that each well drilled within the pool is to be no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary nor closer than 1020 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool; (iii) each standard 80-acre unit within said pool be subject to a depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day;
- (c) Division Order No. R-10803, dated May 22, 1997 [in particular Decretory Paragraph No. (3)] and Division Administrative Order DD-180(H), which approved for UMC's Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713), located at a standard surface oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2: (i) the formation of an 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and, (ii) the corresponding "project area" for a horizontal wellbore; and,
- (d) Division Order No. R-10803, dated May 22, 1997 [in particular

Finding Paragraph No. (12)(g)], which addresses further Strawn development within UMC's State of New Mexico oil and gas lease No. E07720 which comprises Lots 14 through 16 and the SE/4 of said Section 2.

The geologic interpretation submitted with this application indicates that a well drilled within the S/2 SE/4 of said Section 2 at the proposed unorthodox oil well location will be at a more favorable geologic position within the Undesignated Big Dog-Strawn Pool than a well drilled at a location considered to be standard.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.F of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10533, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11351 on January 18, 1996.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of RULE 6 of said "Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool" and Division General Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox oil well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay

Director

WJL/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

File: DD-180(H) /

Case No. 11741

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

August 26, 1998

Ocean Energy, Inc. c/o James Bruce P. O. Box 1056 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Administrative Order NSL-3870-A

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your original application dated July 17, 1998 on behalf of the operator Ocean Energy, Inc.; (ii) the Division's initial response to said application by letter from Mr. Michael E. Stogner dated July 20, 1998; (iii) your response by letter dated August 11, 1998; and, (vi) the records of the Division in Santa Fe including well files, the files on Division Administrative Orders NSL-3870 and DD-180(H), and Division Order Nos. R-9722-C/R-10448-A and R-10803: all concerning Ocean Energy, Inc.'s request:

- (a) to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and,
- (b) to dedicate said acreage to the proposed Townsend State Well No. 5 to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location within said 80-acre unit 330 feet from the South line and 1520 feet from the East line (Unit W) of Irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.F of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division").

By the authority granted me under the provisions of RULE 6 of the "Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9722-C/R-10448-A, issued in Case No. 11599 and dated February 26, 1997, and Division General Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox oil well location for Ocean Energy, Inc.'s Townsend State Well No. 5 is hereby approved.

Division Administrative Order NSL-3870, dated September 17, 1997, shall be placed in abeyance until further notice.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

Director

cc:

LW/MES/kv

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

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Case No. 11741 NSL-3870

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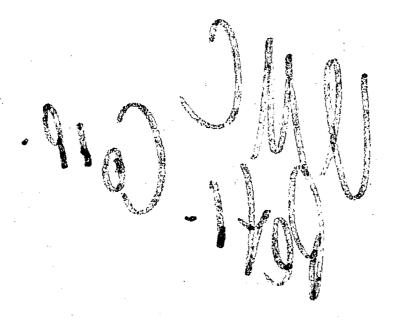
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET

THIS COVERSHEET IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS **Application Acronyms:** [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
[WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] [1]Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling JUN | 6 1997 □ NSL □ NSP Check One Only for [B] or [C] **GIL CONSERVATION DIVISION** Commingling - Storage - Measurement \square CTB ☐ PLC D PC □ OLS Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery □ WFX \square PMX \square SWD ☐ EOR ☐ PPR NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply [2] ☐ Working, Royalty or Overrading Royalty Interest Owners K-1080 [A] Lease of ers or Surface Owner ☑ Offset Operators [B] ublished [C] Application is One Wh scurrent Approval by BLM [D] ☐ Notification and or C nt - Commissioner of Public t For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Rubication is Attached, and/or, [E] ☐ Waivers are Attach [F] INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE - Statement of Understanding [3] I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I further verify that all applicable API Numbers are included. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken. be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity **James Bruce P.O.** Box 1056 Santa Fe, NM:87504 Print or Type Name

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June 16, 1997

HAND DELIVERED

Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC") hereby applies for administrative approval to directionally drill the following well in the Strawn formation (Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool):

Townsend State Well No. 1

Surface Location:

3526' FSL and 727' FEL 2500' FSL and 350' FEL

Project Area:

Terminus:

Lot 16 and NE¼SE¼ of Section 2, Township

16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Lea County, New Mexico

The subject pool has special pool rules requiring 80 acre spacing with wells to be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the unit or to a quarter-quarter section line. The well unit is non-standard because it includes acreage in two different quarter sections. The non-standard unit was approved by Division Order No. R-10803.

Pursuant to Division Rule 111(D), UMC makes the following statements and submittals:

1. The well was drilled in January and February 1997 to test the Strawn formation. It was drilled on a thick Strawn buildup, and was perforated at 11501-11539 feet and acidized. However, the well exhibits low porosity and permeability in comparison to other Strawn producers to the north and northeast. It is currently producing approximately 10 bopd. UMC proposes to drill a lateral of approximately 1200 feet to the south-southeast, in an attempt to encounter porous and

permeable facies within the mound. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is an APD with a Form C-102 and directional plan attached.

- 2. Attached as Exhibit B is a land plat of Section 2. The project area for the well is outlined in blue. The producing area is the same as the project area. The project area is all state land, covered by Lease E-7220. There are Strawn wells immediately offsetting the project area, in Lot 1 of Section 2 16S 35E and in Lot 12 of Section 1 16S 35E.
- 3. Exhibit B also identifies offset operators or lessees. Exhibit C lists the names and addresses of the offsets. Copies of this application were mailed on this date to the offsets, by certified mail. A copy of the notice letter is attached as Exhibit D.

Because the new proposed Rule 111 has not been adopted, and UMC hopes to commence directional drilling as soon as possible, this application is submitted pursuant to the existing rule, as required by the Hobbs District Office.

Should you need any additional data, please call. This application is submitted in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for UMC Petroleum Corporation

cc: Hobbs District Office

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION PO Box 2088 Santa Fe. NM 87504-2088

Form C-101 Revised February 10, 1994 instructions on back

Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease - 6 Copies Fee Lease - 5 Copies

AMENDED REPORT

APPLICATION FOR PERM	AIT TO DRILL	, RE-ENTER,	DEEPEN.	PLUGBACK.	OR ADD A ZON	E
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UMC Petroleu 410 17th Str	1 OGRID 2 3654	OGRID Number	
Denver, Colo		30 - 0 25 - 3	
* Property Code	¹ Property Name	•	Well No.
20032	Townsend State	ì	1

'Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Towaship	Range	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
16	2	16S	35E		35 26	South	727	East	Lea
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⁸ Proposed Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot so.	Section	Towaship	Range	Lot Ida	Foot from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West time	County
17	2	16S	35E		2500	South	350	East	Lea
!	* Preposed Poel 1						" Propo	ed Pool 2	
South	Big Do	g Straw	'n						

" Work Type Code	12 Well Type Code	13 Cable/Rotary	14 Lease Type Code	" Ground Level Elevation
P (Horizontal)	0	R	S	3983'
** Multiple	17 Proposed Depth	19 Formation	" Contractor	³⁶ Sped Date
NO	See Attached	Strawn	Sierra Well Serv.	12/19/96

²¹ Proposed Casing and Cement Program

Hole Size Casing Size		Casing weight/fost	Setting Depth	Seeks of Coment	Estimated TOC	
See attached	completion rep	ort and wellbor	e diagrams			

Describe the proposed program. If this application is to DEEPEN or PLUG BACK give the data on the present productive some and propo sac. Describe the blowest prevention program, if any. Use additional shorts if necessary.

See attached sheets

- 1) Wellbore diagrams
- 2) Re-completion summary
- 3) Directional program
- 4) Completion report

BOP Program:

Rotating Head blowout preventer=12" 3000 psi type double ram.

12" 3000 psi GK, 200 gal 5 station Koomey air electric 4" 3000 psi

EXHIBIT

Manifold.

²⁰ I bereby certify that the information gives of my knowledge and belief.	above is true and complete to the bes	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION			
Signature:	~ VIU.	Approved by:			
Printed come: Scott M. Webb		Title:			
Title: Regulatory Coo	rdinator	Approval Date: Expiration Date:			
Desc: 5/27/97	Phone: (303)573-4721	Conditions of Approval : Attached			

DISTRICT I P.O. Box 1880, Hobbs, NM 88841-1860 State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised February 10, 1994 Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

DISTRICT II P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 68811-0719

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

DISTRICT IV

DISTRICT III

P.O. Box 2068, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2068

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Astec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name			
30-025-33713	XXXXX XX 96690	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		Big Dog	
Property Code	Pro	Property Name			
20032	TOWNS	TOWNSEND STATE			
OGRID No.	Ope	Operator Name			
23654	UMC PETROL	EUM CORPORATION		3983	

Surface Location

1	UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Rango	Lot Ida	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
ļ	16	2	16 S	35 E		3526	SOUTH	727	EAST	LEA

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
17	2	16S	35E		2500'	South	350	East	Lea
Dedicated Acres	Joint o	r Infili Co	nsolidation (Code Or	der No.	- - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-		
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

LOT 4 49.80 ACRES ————————————————————————————————————	LOT 3 LOT 50.4 ACRES ACRES COT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT 6 LOT 1 LOT	15 50.78 ES ACRES		OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of any knowledge and belief. Bignature Scott M. Webb Printed Name
40 ACRES	40 40 ACRES ACRE	40		Regulatory Coordinator Title 5/5/97
LOT 9 40 ACRES	LOT 10 LOT 1 1 40 40 ACRES ACRE	40		SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION
LOT 13 40 ACRES	LOT 14 LOT 1 40 40 ACRES ACRE	15 0 727' 40 AGRES	Y=711754 X=779684 350	I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field noise of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my beliaf.
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Townsend State #1 Proposed Horizontal Re-completion

Procedure:

- 1) Re-enter well, set 40' type "H" neat cement plug at 11, 463 md.
- 2) Mill 5-1/2" casing at md 11,460 feet. Dress cement to KOP of 11, 463'.
- 3) Drill build section at 71 degrees per 100' md.
- 4) Drill lateral section to specified depth/length of 12,602 md/11,525' tvd.
- 5) Directional surveys will be conducted by a MWD device in the motor bit.

Wellbore Specifics:

KOP:

11,463' md.

Rate of Build:

71 degrees per 100'.

End of Build:

11,591' md / 11,534' tvd.

Total Depth:

12,602' md / 11,525' tvd.

Open Hole Lateral:

1093' md.

Surface Hole Location:

3526' FSL & 727' FEL, Lot 16, Section 2-T16S-R35E, Lea County.

Bottom Hole Location:

2500'FSL & 350' FEL, Lot 17, Section 2-T16S-R35E, Lea County.

(1026' South of surface & 377' East of surface)

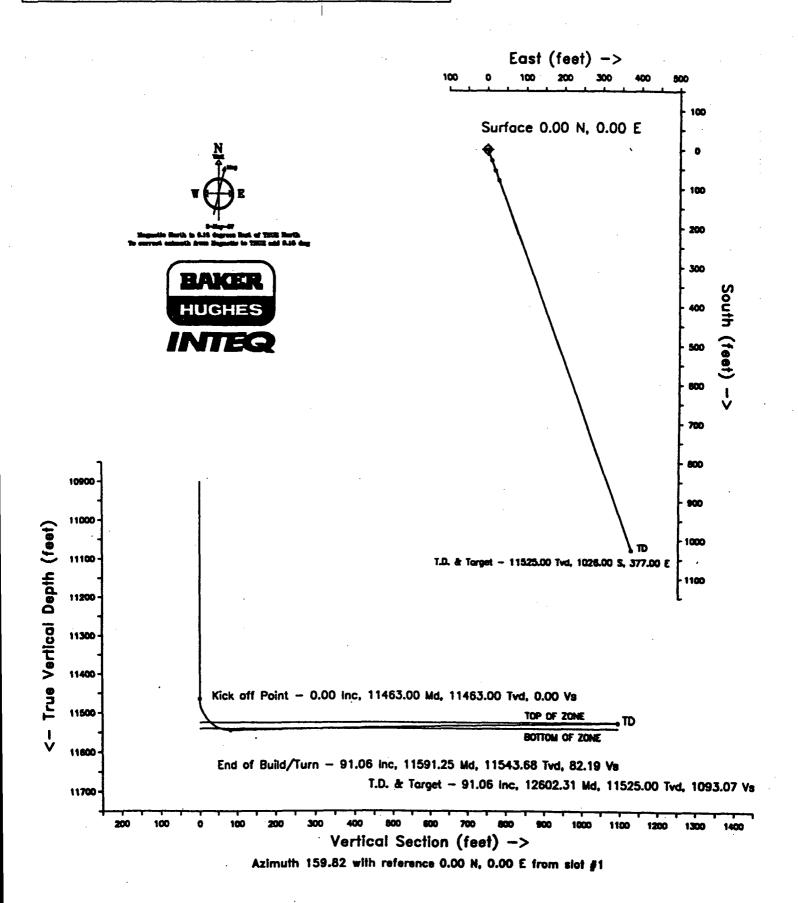
Dedicated Acreage: 80 Acres

Lot 16, Sec. 2-T16S-R35E Lea County, New Mexico **Proposed Horizontal Recompletion** 13-3/8" 48# Casing @ 400'. Cemented to surface with 405 sx. SHL: 3526' FSL & 727' FEL Lot 16, Section 2-T16S-R35E 8-5/8" 32# surface casing @ 4750' Cemented to surface with 1675 sx TOC @ 7140' BHL: 2500' FSL & 350' FWL Lot 17, Section 2-T16S-R35E **Build Rate:** 71 Degrees/100 feet KOP:11,463' md Lateral Section 1093' md 40' Cement Plug (Open Hole) TDMD 12,602' Strawn Perfs: 5-1/2" 17# @ 11,805' **TDTVD 11,525'** 11,501' - 11,540' Cemented with 1200 sx TD 11,805'

Townsend State #1

DIRECTIONAL PLAN

Structure: TOWNSEND STATE NO. 1 Slot: slot #1 THE MELL PROFILE DATA --- Field: TOWNSEND Location: LEA CO., NEW MEXICO



UMC PETROLEUM CORP. TOWNSEND STATE NO. 1, slot #1 TOWNSEND, LEA CO., NEW MEXICO PROPOSAL LISTING

POSAL LISTING Page 1 Your ref : BUR= 71 DEG/100'/ VS:

Last revised: 2-May-97

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All data is in feet unless otherwise stated. Coordinates from slot #1 and TVD from rotary table.

Bottom hole distance is 1093.07 on azimuth 159.82 degrees from wellhead.

Vertical section is from wellhead on azimuth 159.82 degrees.

Calculation uses the minimum curvature method.

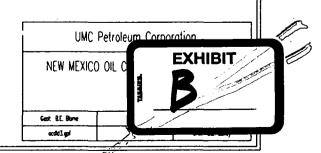
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OFFSET OPERATORS AND WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

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Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. 415 West Wall Suite 500 Midland, Texas 79701

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June 16, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. P.O. Box 8 Midland, Texas 79702

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. Suite 500 415 West Wall Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application filed by UMC Petroleum Corporation with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking administrative approval for directional drilling of the Townsend State Well No. 1, located in the Lot 16 of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. UMC's records show that you own an interest offsetting the above well. If you have any objection to the application, you must notify the Division in writing no later than 20 days from the date of this letter, at its Santa Fe office (2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Attention: Michael E. Stogner).

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

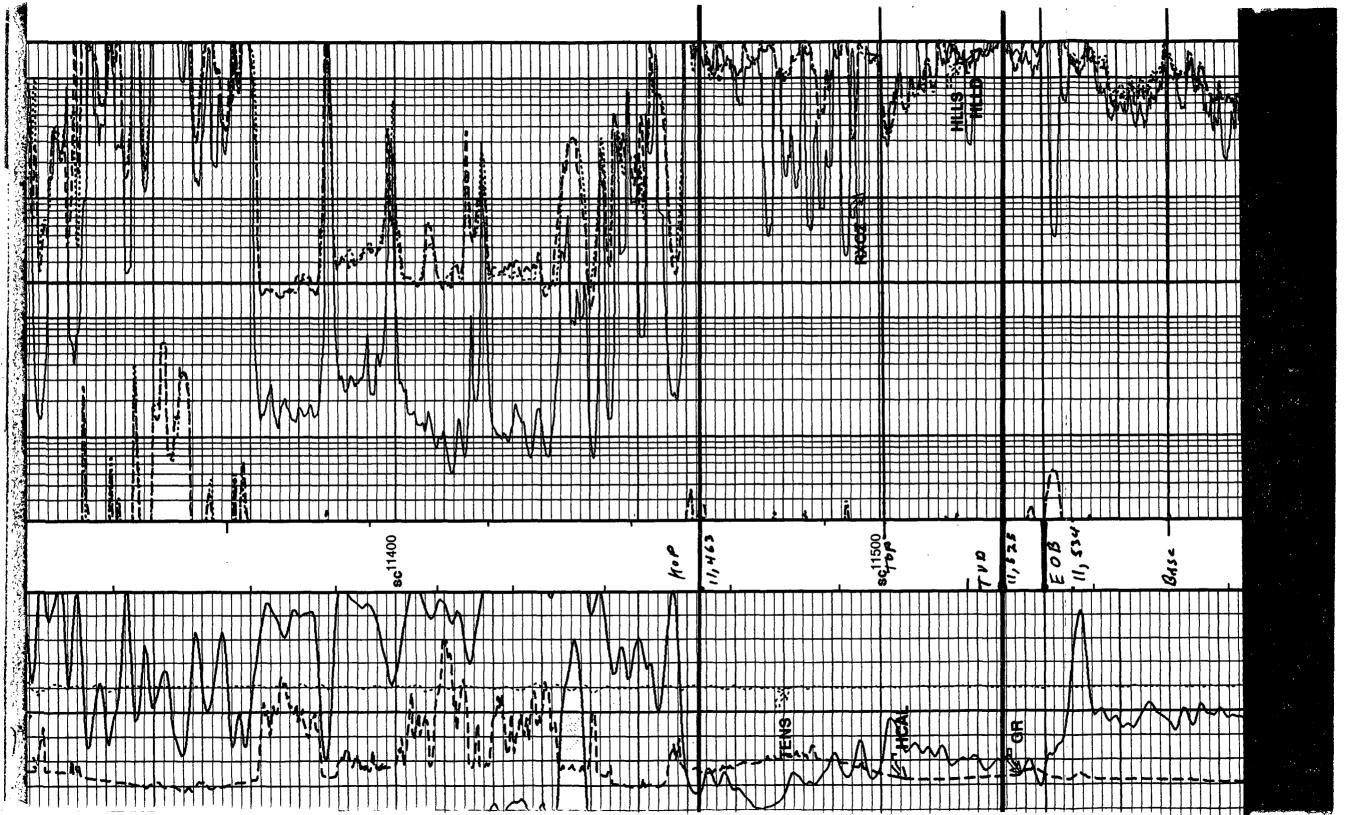
EXHIBIT D

COMPANY: UMC Petroleum Corporation

WELL: Townsend State #1

FIELD: Townsend

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Witnessed By			DAROL RAMEY												



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Hand Delivered

Michael E. Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed is an administrative application for directional drilling, filed on behalf of UMC Petroleum Corporation. Also attached is a portion of a log from the subject well.

Very truly yours,

Tames Bruce



STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF AMERIND OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11716
APPLICATION OF AMERIND OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11717
APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND A NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11739
APPLICATION OF AMERIND OIL COMPANY, LTD. AND MICHAEL SHEARN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11740
APPLICATION OF UMC PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11741
APPLICATION OF AMERIND OIL COMPANY, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO.	Case No. 11753

Order No. R-10803

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

The subject cases came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 6, March 6, and/or April 3, 1997, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 22n day of May, 1997, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of these causes and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) Each of the six following cases involves acreage in irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico and is within the governing limits of the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; therefore, due to the similarity, close proximity, and nature of each, a single order issued by the Division is deemed appropriate:
 - (a) in Case No. 11716 the applicant, Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. ("Amerind"), seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2, forming an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 9 (Unit I) of said Section 2;
 - (b) in Case No. 11717, Amerind, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 7 and 10 of said Section 2, forming an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the designated and Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 10 (Unit J) of said Section 2;
 - (c) in Case No. 11739 the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates"), seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2, to form a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location 2390 feet from

the North line and 640 feet from the East line (Unit H/Lot 8) of said Section 2;

- (d) in Case No. 11740, Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. and Michael Shearn seek an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 9 and 16 of said Section 2, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to the UMC Petroleum Corporation Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713) being drilled at the time of the hearing at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2;
- (e) in Case No. 11741 the applicant, UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC"), seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool comprising Lots 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 for its Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713) being drilled at the time of the hearing at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2; and,
- in Case No. 11753 Amerind seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2, to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit (that is non-standard) for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 9 (Unit I) of said Section 2.
- (3) By Division Order No. R-9722, issued in Case No. 10530 and dated September 23, 1992, as amended by Order Nos. R-9722-A and R-9722-B, the West Lovington-Strawn Pool (originally designated the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool) was created and designated as an oil pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation in Lea County, New Mexico. Said orders also promulgated special rules and regulations for said pool including provisions for standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration units subject to a depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day and designated well location requirements. The extent of said West Lovington-Strawn Pool, prior to February 26, 1997, included the following described acreage in Lea County, New Mexico:

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TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH. RANGE 35 EAST. NMPM

Section 28: SE/4 Section 32: SE/4

Section 33: NE/4 and S/2

Section 34: S/2

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH. RANGE 35 EAST. NMPM

Section 1: Lots 1 through 8
Section 2: Lots 1 through 8

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8.

(4) By Division Order No. R-9722-C/R-10448-A, issued in Case No. 11599 and dated February 26, 1997, the West Lovington-Strawn Pool was contracted by the deletion of the following described area in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 32: W/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: Lots 2 through 7.

- (5) Said Order No. R-9722-C/R-10448-A further provided for the concomitant creation of the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation underlying the above-described area and promulgated "Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool", which included provisions for: (I) 80-acre spacing and proration units each comprising of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental Quarter section; (ii) designated well location requirements such that each well drilled within the pool is to be no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary nor closer than 1020 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool; (iii) each standard 80-acre unit within said pool be subject to a depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day.
- (6) The subdivision of the public lands within the State of New Mexico is surveyed under the United States System of Rectangular Surveys or township and range grid system. The primary unit of subdivision for this system is the township, bounded by meridional (north/south) and latitudinal (east/west) lines and, as nearly as may be, comprises an area of 6 square miles with the south and east boundaries being the governing lines. The township is divided further into 36 secondary units or sections, each being approximately one square mile in area. These section boundaries are established by

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meridional and latitudinal section lines at intervals of one mile, again, from the eastern and southern boundaries of the township. This method of establishing sections allows for errors in measurement and to accommodate deficiencies due to the convergence of meridians and is such that all sections of the township are as nearly as may be one mile square except for the eleven sections that lie next to the townships north and west boundaries (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31).

Thus the layout of a <u>typical township</u> consist of six rows of six sections and that presumably each section is one mile square with any excess or deficiency in the measured distance between the south and north boundaries of the township is placed in the most northern half mile and any deficiency due to the convergency of meridians and any excess or deficiency in the measured distance between the east and west boundaries of the township is placed in the most western half mile.

A regular section contains 640 acres and can be subdivided further into half sections containing 320 acres (½ by one mile), quarter sections containing 160 acres (½ mile square), half-quarter sections containing 80 acres (1/4 by ½ mile), and quarter-quarter sections containing 40 acres (1/4 mile square). When a section does not contain the regular 640 acres, as in the west tier and north row in a township, the odd areas are assigned lot numbers.

Section 2 of Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico comprises a total area of 901.16 acres and represents an extreme example whereby a difference in excess of ½ mile exists within a northern row of sections. Said Section 2 consists of: Lot 1 with 50.78 acres; Lot 2 with 50.45 acres; Lot 3 with 50.13 acres; Lot 4 with 49.80 acres; Lots 5 through 16 each with 40 acres; and, the S/2, considered to be a regular subdivision or aliquot part of this section and can be further divided into two quarter sections (SW/4 and SE/4) or eight quarter-quarter sections (NE/4 SW/4, SE/4 SE/4, NW/4 SE/4, etc.).

In forming spacing and proration units within the State of New Mexico it is the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's policy to follow the established system of survey rules in dividing sections, especially for those that are irregular, into its various standard aliquot parts or regular subdivisions and not simply subdividing such sections on paper which can and will surely result in a chaotic and disorderly pattern for the spacing and proration units.

In this instance where development and standard spacing is on 80-acres with each unit comprising the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental quarter section said Section 2 comprises a standard 320-acre S/2 aliquot part, which can be further divided into two quarter sections, being the SW/4 and SE/4, whereby each quarter section can be divided

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into two half-quarters (either stand-up, E/2 and W/2, or lay down, N/2 and S/2). North of the S/2 of said Section 2 the next two rows of lots or quarter-quarter section equivalents, being Lots 9 through 16, are considered by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as a separate and independent ½ section subdivision whereby Lots 9, 10, 15, and 16 and Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 are grouped together in order to form two quarter section equivalents. The northern most two rows of Lots, being 1 through 8, is also considered a ½ section and is to be treated in the same manner.

- Case Nos. 11716 and 11717, involved two areas, comprising 80 acres apiece, within said Section 2 that does not conform to the aforementioned subdivision rules; therefore, both proposed 80-acre proration units are considered to be non-standard. Prior to the February 6th hearing date Yates, a working interest owner in Lots 8, 10, and 11 of said Section 2 sought to dismiss Case 11717 for the reason that Amerind failed to request in its application the formation of a non-standard 80-acre unit pursuant to the governing pool rules applicable in this area and that Yates would combine Lots 10 and 15 in order to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit for its Field "APK" State Com Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33563) located 3500 feet from the North line and 1880 feet from the East line (Lot 10/Unit J) of said Section 2. By letter from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division dated February 5, 1997 Yates' motion for dismissal of said Case 11717 was granted.
 - (8) At the February 6th hearing Amerind requested dismissal of Case 11716.
 - (9) Both Amerind Cases 11716 and 11717 should therefore be dismissed.
- (10) Prior to the March 6, 1997 hearing the applicants in Case 11740, Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. and Michael Shearn requested that their application for the compulsory pooling of Lots 9 and 16 of said Section 2 be dismissed.
 - (11) Case 11740 should therefore be dismissed.
- (12) At the March 6, 1997 hearing UMC presented evidence and testimony in support of its application in Case 11741, which indicate:
 - (a) UMC commenced the drilling of its Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713), located at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2, on December 19, 1996, and by the time of the March 6th hearing the well had reached total depth at a costs to date of approximately \$600,000.00;

- (b) prior to the commencement of this well, UMC submitted a Form C-101 (Application for Permit to Drill) to the Division's Hobbs District Office with Form C-102 (Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat) attached thereto outlined a well unit comprised of Lots 16 and 17 of said Section 2; the Form C-101 was approved December 9, 1996; UMC filed the Forms C-101 and C-102 upon the belief that its proposed spacing and proration unit was standard in accordance with the applicable rules;
- (c) referencing the Division's decision on the Yates motion to dismiss Case 11717, the proposed UMC spacing and proration unit is non-standard; standard spacing and proration units for the UMC well drilled in Unit "P" or Lot "16" would either comprise Lots 9 and 16 or Lots 15 and 16;
- (d) Lot 15 is unavailable to form a standard 80-acre unit for the applicant's well because Lots 10 and 15 of said Section 2 are committed to a Joint Operating Agreement between Yates and UMC, signed in December 1996, under which Yates' Field "APK" State Well No. 1 is currently being drilled [see Finding No. (7) above];
- (e) Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2 are the subject of competing compulsory pooling applications filed by Yates (Case No. 11739) and Amerind (Case No. 11753);
- (f) neither Yates nor Amerind, nor any other interested offset operator or lessee, oppose UMC's request; and,
- (g) UMC is the lessee of Lots 14 through 16 and the SE/4 of said Section 2, which are subject to State of New Mexico oil and gas lease No. E07720; UMC is willing to form a 40-acre non-standard Strawn oil spacing and proration unit within the remaining 120 acre area comprising the W/2 SE/4 and SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 in the future in order to remedy the Strawn well development patterns with said State of New Mexico lease;
- (h) because UMC assumed the sole risk of drilling the Townsend State Well No. 1, and the well was commenced in the good faith belief that the proposed well unit was standard, and because of the willingness of applicant to use its remaining leasehold acreage in Section 2 to remedy any disruption of standard spacing and proration units in Section 2, the applicant's request for a non-standard spacing and proration unit should be granted; further, the granting of the application in Case 11741 is in the best

interests of conservation, serves in the prevention of waste, and protects correlative rights.

- (13) At the April 3, 1997 hearing both Division Case Nos. 11739 and 11753 were consolidated for the purpose of presenting testimony. Since both applications encompass the same acreage (Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2 being a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit) and subject matter and the approval of one application would necessarily require denial of the other, one order should therefore be entered for both cases:
 - (a) the applicant in Case 11739, Yates, who is seeking to be named the operator of the proposed 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit is proposing to drill its Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-33792) at a standard oil well location 2390 feet from the North line and 640 feet from the East line in Lot 8 (Unit H) of said Section 2;
 - (b) the applicant in Case 11753, Amerind is also seeking to be named the operator of the proposed 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit is proposing to drill its State "AY" Com Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location 3661 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line in Lot 9 (Unit I) of said Section 2;
 - (c) Yates owns and represents 100 percent of the working interests in the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lot 8 of said Section 2;
 - (d) Amerind has control of 100 percent working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lot 9 of said Section 2;
 - (e) at the time of the hearing Yates offered to resolve this matter by offering to split the proposed 80-acre unit into two non-standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units in order to allow both Amerind and Yates the opportunity to drill their respective wells and develop its acreage accordingly;
 - (f) Amerind opposed Yates' suggestion for resolution in that such proposal would only lead to the drilling of unnecessary wells and the possible overdevelopment of the relatively small reservoir, which could result in waste; and,

- (g) the geological evidence and testimony presented by both parties supports Amerind's position in the possible overdevelopment of the subject reservoir with unnecessary wells; further, with the current drilling and completion activities for the Strawn formation in Lot 10 (directly offsetting Lot 9 to the west) and in Lot 16 (directly offsetting Lot 9 to the south), the development of the subject 80-acre tract with a well in Lot 9 would result in the grouping of three Strawn oil wells within a relatively small area; such concentration of wells would serve to promote overdevelopment of the reservoir; a well drilled in Lot 8 would serve to space these wells in a more orderly fashion with an adequate distance separating these wells; such spacing and placement of wells within this reservoir would serve to promote conservation, exhibits sound reservoir engineering principles, serves to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevents waste, and protects correlative rights;
- (14) Therefore, the application of Yates in Case No. 11739 should be granted and the application of Amerind in Case No. 11753 should be denied.
- (15) In order to afford to the owner of each interest within said 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of oil production in the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (16) Yates should be designated the operator of the subject unit and the proposed Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-33792) to be drilled at a standard oil well location 2390 feet from the North line and 640 feet from the East line in Lot 8 (Unit H) of said Section 2.
- (17) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of the estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (18) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (19) Any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

- (20) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated well costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- \$5,400.00 per month while drilling and \$540.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (22) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (23) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the subject well to which said unit is dedicated on or before August 20, 1997, that portion of this order pooling Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2 should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (24) Should all the parties to this force-pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, the forced pooling provisions of this order should thereafter be of no further effect.
- (25) The operator of the well and unit should notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Case No. 11716, being the application of Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. ("Amerind"), for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, thereby forming a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 1 to be

drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 9 (Unit I) of said Section 2, is hereby dismissed.

- (2) Case No. 11717, being the application of Amerind, for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 7 and 10 of said Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, thereby forming a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the designated and Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 10 (Unit J) of said Section 2, is hereby dismissed.
- (3) UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC"), the applicant in Case No. 11741, is hereby authorized to establish an 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool comprising Lots 16 and the NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2 for its Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713), located at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East-line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2.
- (4) Case No. 11740, being the application of Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. and Michael Shearn, for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 9 and 16 of said Section 2, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to the UMC Petroleum Corporation Townsend State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33713) being drilled at the time of the hearing at a standard oil well location 3526 feet from the South line and 727 feet from the East line (Unit P/Lot 16) of said Section 2, is hereby dismissed.
- (5) The application of Amerind in Case No. 11753 for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit (that is non-standard) for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which at the time of the hearing included only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and dedicating said unit to its proposed State "AY" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in Lot 9 (Unit I) of said Section 2, is hereby denied.

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IN CASE NO. 11739:

(6) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, underlying Lots 8 and 9 of said Section 2, are hereby pooled to form a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing, which currently includes only the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to Yates Petroleum Corporation's ("Yates") proposed Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location 2390 feet from the North line and 640 feet from the East line (Unit H/Lot 8) of said Section 2.

FURTHER, Yates is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, Yates shall commence the drilling of said Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 on or before the twentieth day of August, 1997, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event Yates does not commence drilling operations on the Field "APK" State Com Well No. 2 on or before the twentieth day of August, 1997, Decretory Paragraph No. (6) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandoned, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Decretory Paragraph No. (6) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (7) After the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (8) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

- (9) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (10) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him; and
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (12) The operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (13) \$5,400.00 per month while drilling and \$540.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate

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share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (15) Any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (16) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (17) Should all the parties to this force-pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, the force pooling provisions of this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (18) The operator of the subject well and unit shall notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.
- (19) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM JEMAY

Director

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> NOMENCLATURE CASE NO. 11599 ORDER NOS. R-9722-C and R-10448-A

APPLICATION OF GILLESPIE-CROW, INC. FOR POOL EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION, POOL CREATION, AND THE PROMULGATION OF SPECIAL POOL RULES THEREFOR, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 22, 1996 and on October 3, 1996, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner, respectively.

NOW, on this <u>26th</u> day of February, 1997 the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) By Division Order No. R-9722, issued in Case No. 10530 and dated September 23, 1992, as amended by Order Nos. R-9722-A and R-9722-B, the West Lovington-Strawn Pool (originally designated the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool) was created and designated as an oil pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation in Lea County, New Mexico. Said orders also promulgated special rules and regulations for said pool including provisions for standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration units subject to a depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day and designated well location requirements.
- (3) The West Lovington-Strawn Pool currently comprises the following described acreage in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 28: SE/4 Section 32: SE/4

Section 33: NE/4 and S/2

Section 34: S/2

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: Lots 1 through 8
Section 2: Lots 1 through 8

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8.

(4) By Division Order No. R-10449, issued in Case 11195 to Gillespie-Crow, Inc. and dated August 29, 1995, the West Lovington Strawn Unit Area ("WLSU") comprising the following described 1,458.95 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and fee lands in the designated and Undesignated West Lovington-Strawn Pool was approved for unitization under the Statutory Unitization Act, Sections 70-7-1 through 70-7-21, NMSA, (1978), which became effective October 1, 1995:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 33: All Section 34: W/2

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: Lots 1 through 8

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 6: Lots 3 through 5.

- (5) In October, 1995, under the authority of Division Order No. R-10448, issued in Case 11194 and dated August 29, 1995, Gillespie-Crow, Inc. instituted its West Lovington Strawn Unit Pressure Maintenance Project by the commencement of gas injection operations within said WLSU. Said Order No. R-10448 further provided for a project allowable, pursuant to Division General Rule 701.F(2), to be assigned the West Lovington Strawn Unit Pressure Maintenance Project equal to top unit allowable for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool (445 barrels of oil per day) times the number of developed (production or injection) proration units within the project area. At the time said WLSU and corresponding pressure maintenance project were established the project allowable was 4,895 barrels of oil per day.
 - (6) At this time the applicant in this matter, Gillespie-Crow, Inc., seeks an order

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extending the horizontal limits of the West Lovington-Strawn Pool in Lea County, New Mexico to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 27: S/2 S/2

Section 28: S/2 SW/4

Section 29: S/2 SE/4

Section 32: NE/4

Section 33: **NW/4**

Section 34: N/2

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH. RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 1:

Lots 9 through 12

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 6:

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12.

AND THE concomitant contraction of the West Lovington-Strawn Pool in Lea County, New Mexico by deleting therefrom:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 28: N/2 SW/4

Section 32: S/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 2:

Lots 1 through 8

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Lots 1 and 8. Section 6:

Further, Gillespie-Crow, Inc., seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation to comprise the following described acreage in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 32: S/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: Lots 3 through 6.

At the time of the hearing Yates Petroleum Corporation appeared and (8)

presented evidence and testimony in opposition to the Gillespie-Crow, Inc. application. The following interest owners appeared at the hearing through legal counsel in opposition to this case: Yates Drilling Company; Abo Petroleum Corporation; Myco Industries, Inc.; Hanley Petroleum, Inc.; David Petroleum Corporation; Rio Pecos Corporation; Pathfinder Exploration Company; Cannon Exploration Company; Hollyhock Corporation; Tar-Jon Corporation; Lario Oil and Gas Company; and Vierson and Cochran. Ensearch Exploration Inc. and Chesapeake Oil Company also appeared at the hearing through legal counsel.

- (9) Geologic evidence presented by the applicant indicates the presence of two separate porous algal reef mounds within the horizontal limits of the West Lovington-Strawn Pool and that the following three wells are completed in and producing from a much smaller mound that is completely separated from the larger mound to the east in which the WLSU is situated:
 - (i) the Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. Baer Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-33036) located 810 feet from the South line and 2200 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
 - (ii) the Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. Mobil State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-32846) located 330 feet from the North line and 2298 feet from the West line (Lot 3/Unit C) of Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and,
 - (iii) the Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. Gallagher State Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-32913) located 2646 feet from the North line and 2299 feet from the West line (Lot 6/Unit F) of said Section 32.
- (10) There is sufficient justification to contract the West Lovington-Strawn Pool by the deletion therefrom of the: (i) W/2 SE/4 of Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and, (ii) of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and create a new and separate pool for the production of oil from the small mound within the Strawn formation that contributes to the three aforementioned wells in Finding Paragraph No. (9) above.
 - (11) The applicant at the time of the hearing proposed this new pool be

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designated the "South Big Dog-Strawn Pool". Such name is deemed appropriate and should therefore be accepted.

- (12) The applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for the newly created "South Big Dog-Strawn Pool" including provisions for 80-acre oil spacing and proration units, designated well location requirements, both of which are to be identical to those provisions currently governing the West Lovington-Strawn Pool, including the standard assigned depth bracket oil allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day for each 80-acre unit.
- (13) The other pool contractions and extensions of the West Lovington-Strawn Pool as proposed by Gillespie-Crow, Inc. are not based on productive acreage. The boundary adjustment to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool should therefore only include the following acreage:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH. RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 32: W/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 2: Lots 2 through 7.

Note, however, that the regulations and rules for pools extend one mile beyond their respective boundaries pursuant to Division Rule 104.A(3).

- (14) There are currently eleven active wells within the West Lovington Strawn Unit Pressure Maintenance Project area, one injection well that re-injects gas into the reservoir gas cap and ten producing wells. In order to maintain adequate reservoir pressure within the WLSU, voluntary production restrictions were instituted by Gillespie-Crow, Inc. to maintain stable production and prevent harm to the reservoir.
- (15) According to the geological and technical evidence presented, it appears that the larger porous algal reef mound that contains the reservoir that comprises the WLSU extends beyond the horizontal limits set forth in said Order No. R-10449. With the onset of gas re-injection operations into the reservoir gas cap of the West Lovington Strawn Unit Pressure Maintenance Project two additional wells that lay outside of the WLSU: (1) the Hanley Petroleum Inc. Chandler Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33175) located 330 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 28, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and, (2) the Gillespie-Crow, Inc. State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-33068) located 1650 feet from the South and East lines (Unit J) of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; are both in pressure communication with WLSU wells and are also capable

of top unit allowable production. Such unrestricted rates of production from this reservoir from these wells is counter productive to the overall capabilities of this reservoir. In order to prevent waste and the premature abandonment of this reservoir, measures should be enacted to assure that adequate reservoir pressure is maintained throughout and that the gas cap within this reservoir is managed in a prudent manner. The applicant proposed that the current special pool rules promulgated by said Order No. R-9722, as amended, remain in effect with the exception of RULE 6, which would be amended to read:

"RULE 6: A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) within West Lovington-Strawn Pool shall be subject to an 80 acre depth-bracket allowable of 250 barrels of oil per day. The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres. However, as to any well located outside the boundaries of the West Lovington Strawn Unit, except the State "S" Well No. 1, located in the W/2 SE/4 of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, the depth bracket allowable shall revert to 445 barrels of oil per day for a standard proration unit on the earlier of: (a) one year after the well's completion, unless the unit operator applies to the Division on or before that date for expansion of the unit to include said well unit; or (b) the date the well's operator proves to the Division that the well is not completed in the same reservoir as wells in the West Lovington Strawn Unit".

FINDING: Such an amendment in effect sets a double standard for a single pool and only lends to confusion in the setting of allowables to units in a pool. In order to preserve continuity in the rules for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool and to assure fairness for all operators of wells within this reservoir a single depth bracket oil allowable of 250 barrels of oil per day for a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit should be adopted for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool. Furthermore, the concept of a project allowable being assigned to the West Lovington Strawn Pressure Maintenance Project Area should cease [see Decretory Paragraph No. (14) on page 7 of Division Order No. R-10448] and all producing wells whether inside or outside the WLSU should be treated the same. No gas injection well(s) or units containing a gas injection well will be assigned or credited an allowable.

(16) The contraction of the West Lovington-Strawn Pool, and concomitant creation of the proposed South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, the adoption of special pool rules for the newly formed pool, and the amendment to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool rules, all as described above, are all in the best interests of conservation, will enable the operators to produce their just and fair share of production from the reservoirs in a prudent manner, and will otherwise serve to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The West Lovington-Strawn Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby <u>contracted</u> by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 32: W/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 2: Lots 2 through 7.

- (2) Concomitantly a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Strawn production is hereby created and designated the <u>South Big Dog-Strawn Pool</u>, with vertical limits comprising the Strawn formation and the horizontal limits comprising that area described in Decretory Paragraph No. (1) above.
- (3) Special Rules and Regulations for the newly created South Big Dog-Strawn
 Pool are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH BIG DOG-STRAWN POOL

- RULE 1: Each well completed or recompleted in the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another Strawn oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2: Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2 or W/2 of a governmental quarter section; provided however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the two quarter-quarter sections in that unit.
- RULE 3: The Director of the Oil Conservation Division, hereinafter referred to as the "Division", may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.D(2) of the General Rules

and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10533, issued by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,351 on January 18, 1996.

- RULE 4: Each well shall be located no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary nor closer than 1020 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool.
- RULE 6: The Division Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without hearing when an application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 104.F of said General Rules and Regulations of the Division.
- RULE 7: A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be subject to an 80-acre depth-bracket allowable of 445 barrels of oil per day. The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.
- (4) The operator of any well affected by this order shall file with the appropriate District Office of the Division a new Form C-104 (Request For Allowable And Authorization To Transport Oil And Natural Gas) pursuant to Division General Rule 1104.E.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- (5) "RULE 6" of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9722, as amended, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:
 - " RULE 6: A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be subject to an 80-acre depth-bracket allowable of 250 barrels of oil per day. The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres."

FURTHERMORE:

(6) Decretory Paragraph (14) of Division Order No. R-10448, issued in Case

11194 and dated August 29, 1995, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- " (14) The West Lovington Strawn Pressure Maintenance Project Area shall not be assigned a project allowable. Only producing standard proration units (79 through 81 acres) shall be subject to an 80-acre depth-bracket allowable as prescribed by the applicable special rules and regulations for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool."
- (7) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated, -

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION-DIVISION

WILLIAM J LEMAY Director

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June 16, 1997

HAND DELIVERED

Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC") hereby applies for administrative approval to directionally drill the following well in the Strawn formation (Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool):

Townsend State Well No. 1

Surface Location:

3526' FSL and 727' FEL 2500' FSL and 350' FEL

Project Area:

Terminus:

Lot 16 and NEWSEW of Section 2, Township

16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Lea County, New Mexico

The subject pool has special pool rules requiring 80 acre spacing with wells to be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the unit or to a quarter-quarter section line. The well unit is non-standard because it includes acreage in two different quarter sections. The non-standard unit was approved by Division Order No. R-10803.

Pursuant to Division Rule 111(D), UMC makes the following statements and submittals:

1. The well was drilled in January and February 1997 to test the Strawn formation. It was drilled on a thick Strawn buildup, and was perforated at 11501-11539 feet and acidized. However, the well exhibits low porosity and permeability in comparison to other Strawn producers to the north and northeast. It is currently producing approximately 10 bopd. UMC proposes to drill a lateral of approximately 1200 feet to the south-southeast, in an attempt to encounter porous and

permeable facies within the mound. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is an APD with a Form C-102 and directional plan attached.

- 2. Attached as Exhibit B is a land plat of Section 2. The project area for the well is outlined in blue. The producing area is the same as the project area. The project area is all state land, covered by Lease E-7220. There are Strawn wells immediately offsetting the project area, in Lot 1 of Section 2 16S 35E and in Lot 12 of Section 1 16S 35E.
- 3. Exhibit B also identifies offset operators or lessees. Exhibit C lists the names and addresses of the offsets. Copies of this application were mailed on this date to the offsets, by certified mail. A copy of the notice letter is attached as Exhibit D.

Because the new proposed Rule 111 has not been adopted, and UMC hopes to commence directional drilling as soon as possible, this application is submitted pursuant to the existing rule, as required by the Hobbs District Office.

Should you need any additional data, please call. This application is submitted in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for UMC Petroleum Corporation

cc: Hobbs District Office

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UAC RETROLEUM CORP. TOXICEND SCATE NO. 1.010L #1 TOXICEND, LER CO., NEW MEXICO

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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised February 10, 1994 Submit to Appropriate District Office

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

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DISTRICT IV

DISTRICT III

P.O. Box 2068, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Astec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool	Name					
30-025-33713	XXXXX XX 96690	****************	South B	Big Dog				
Property Code	Pr	Property Name						
20032	TOWN	1						
OGRID No.	Ор		Elevation					
23654	UMC PETROL	EUM CORPORATION	3983					

Surface Location

1	UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
	16	2	16 S	35 E		3526	SOUTH	727	EAST	LEA

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
17	2	16S	35E		2500'	South	350	East	Lea
Dedicated Acre	Joint o	r infili	Consolidation	Code Or	der No.	<u>-</u>			
80									

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

					OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
LOT 4 49.80 ACRES	LOT 3 50.13 ACRES	LOT 2 50.45 ACRES	LOT 1 1 50.78 ACRES		Signature
LOT 5 40 ACRES	LOT 6 40 ACRES	LOT 7 40 ACRES	LOT 8 ACRES		Scott M. Webb Printed Name Regulatory Coordinator
LOT 9 40 ACRES	LOT 10 40 ACRES	LOT 11 40 ACRES	LOT 12 40 ACRES		5/5/97 Date SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION
LOT 13 40 ACRES	LOT 14 40 ACRES	LOT 15 40 ACRES	LOT 16 0 727' 40 ACRES	Y=711754 X=779684 350'	I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervisors, and that the same is true and cerrect to the best of my belia.
	 		-3526-	2500'	NOVEMBER 29, 1996 Date Suresty G. E/O
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					Certification Science Street R. EDSON, 12841

Townsend State #1 Proposed Horizontal Re-completion

Procedure:

- 1) Re-enter well, set 40' type "H" neat cement plug at 11, 463 md.
- 2) Mill 5-1/2" casing at md 11,460 feet. Dress cement to KOP of 11, 463'.
- 3) Drill build section at 71 degrees per 100' md.
- 4) Drill lateral section to specified depth/length of 12,602 md/11,525' tvd.
- 5) Directional surveys will be conducted by a MWD device in the motor bit.

Wellbore Specifics:

KOP:

11,463' md.

Rate of Build:

71 degrees per 100'.

End of Build:

11,591' md / 11,534' tvd.

Total Depth:

12,602' md / 11,525' tvd.

Open Hole Lateral:

1093' md.

Surface Hole Location:

3526' FSL & 727' FEL, Lot 16, Section 2-T16S-R35E, Lea County.

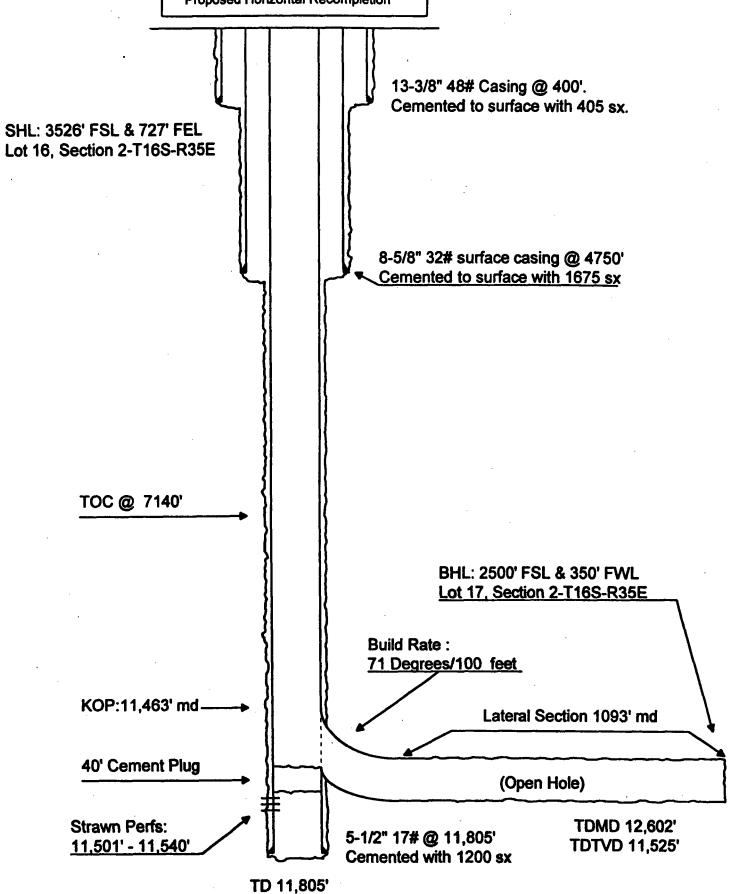
Bottom Hole Location:

2500'FSL & 350' FEL, Lot 17, Section 2-T16S-R35E, Lea County.

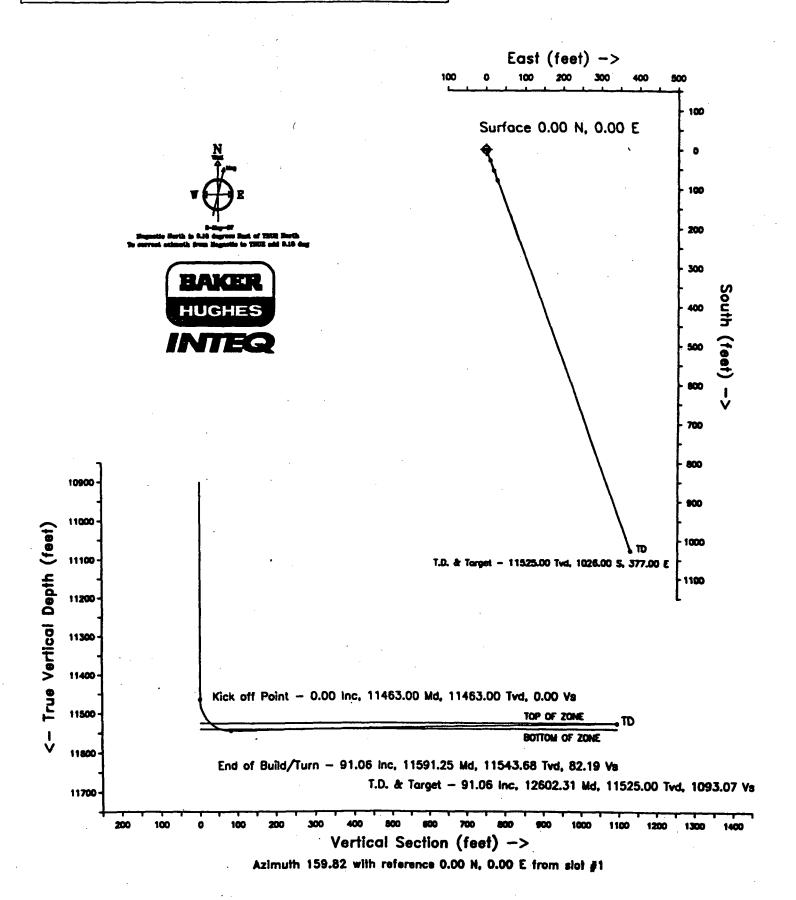
(1026' South of surface & 377' East of surface)

Dedicated Acreage: 80 Acres

Townsend State #1
Lot 16, Sec. 2-T16S-R35E
Lea County, New Mexico
Proposed Horizontal Recompletion



DIRECTIONAL PLAN



UMC PETROLEUM CORP.

TOWNSEND STATE NO. 1, slot #1

TOWNSEND, LEA CO., NEW MEXICO

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All data is in feet unless otherwise stated.

Coordinates from slot #1 and TVD from rotary table.

Bottom hole distance is 1093.07 on azimuth 159.82 degrees from wellhead.

Vertical section is from wellhead on azimuth 159.82 degrees.

Calculation uses the minimum curvature method.

Presented by Baker Hughes INTEQ

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OFFSET OPERATORS AND WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. 415 West Wall
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Midland, Texas 79701

Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. P. O. Box 8 Midland, Texas 79702

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June 16, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. P.O. Box 8 Midland, Texas 79702

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. Suite 500 415 West Wall Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application filed by UMC Petroleum Corporation with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking administrative approval for directional drilling of the Townsend State Well No. 1, located in the Lot 16 of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. UMC's records show that you own an interest offsetting the above well. If you have any objection to the application, you must notify the Division in writing no later than 20 days from the date of this letter, at its Santa Fe office (2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Attention: Michael E. Stogner).

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

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