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Terry Lindeman Operations Superintendent

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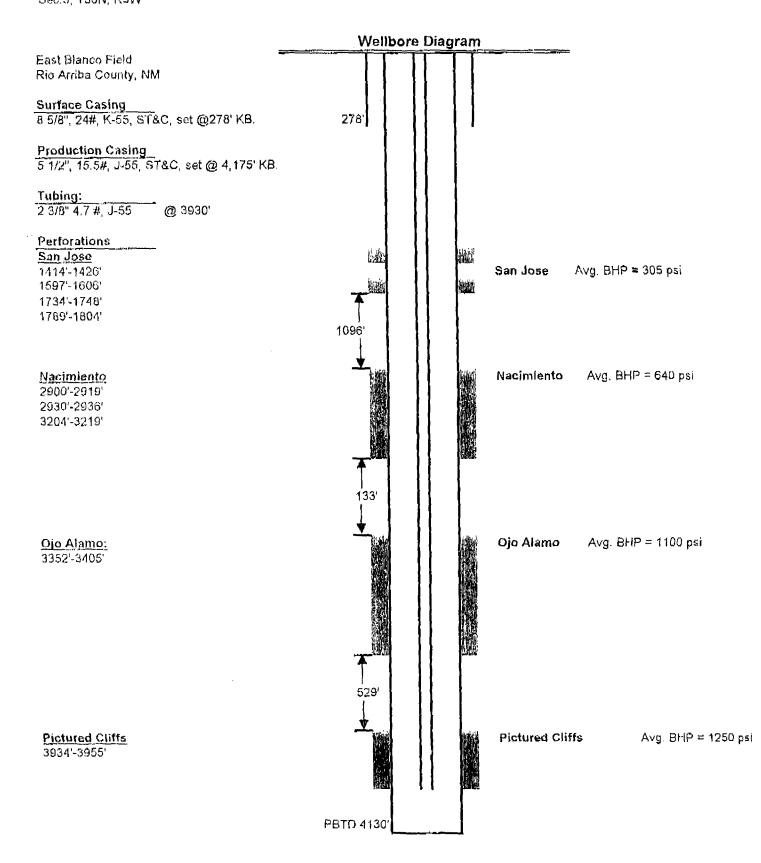
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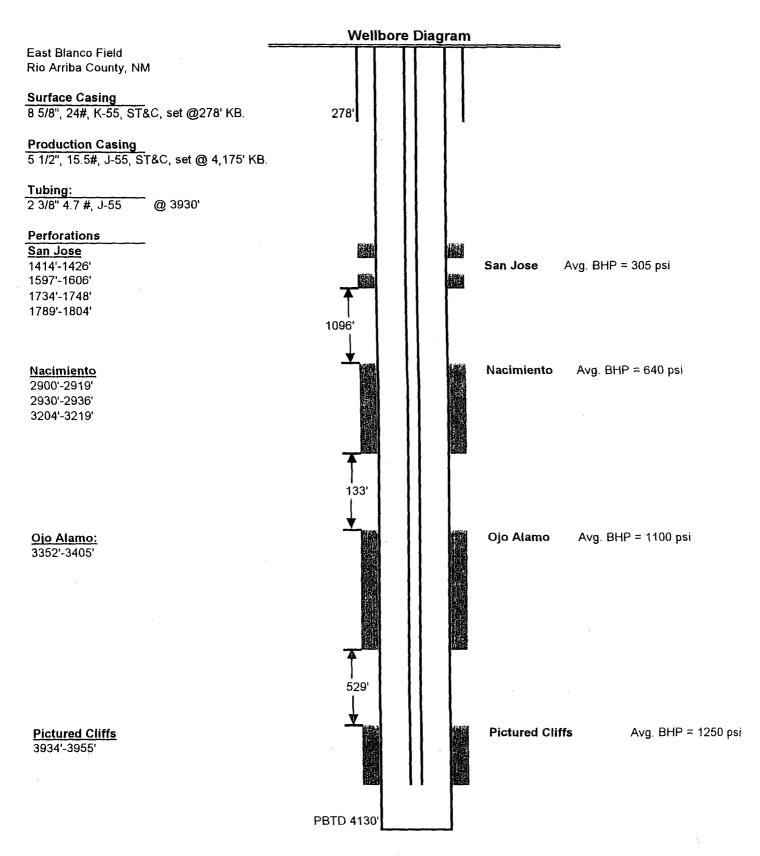
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I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity.

Operations Super. Terry Lindeman Signature Print or Type Name Title Date



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April 19, 2000

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Enclosed is Mallon Oil Company's application for approval to down hole commingle the San Jose, Nacimiento, Ojo Alamo and Pictured Cliffs formations in the Jicarilla 458-5 No. 5 and the Jicarilla 30-03-28 No. 3 wells. Additionally, for commingling the San Jose and Pictured Cliffs Formations in the Jicarilla 458-6 No. 4 well.

If any additional information is required please contact me at 970-382-9100. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, Terry Lindoman

Operations Superintendent

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#### State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

#### Form C-107-A Revised August 1999 APPROVAL PROCESS: \_\_\_\_Administrative \_\_\_Hearing

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	APPLICATION FOR DOW	/NHOLE COMMINGLING	EXISTING WELLBORE		
Mallon Oil Company	P. O. Box 279	Durango, Colorado 813	02		
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Jicarilla 458-5 Lease		5 - 30N - 03W	Rio Arriba		
		- Sec - Twp - Rge	County Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)		
OGRID NO. <u>13925</u> Proper	rty Code_00022858_ API_NO	30-039-25947 Federal	X, State, (and/or) Fee		
The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Sal	Intermediate Zone	Lower		
1. Pool Name and	Cabresto Canyon San Jose Ext	Cabresto Canyon Nacimiento Ext	East Blanco Pictured Cliffs Ext		
Pool Code	96822	96821 WC	72400		
	WC.	Cabresto Canyon Ojo Alamo Ext	-		
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	See Exhibit Ar 1414-1804	See Exhibit A 2905-3219 3352-3405	See Exhibit A 3934-3955		
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Gas	Gas Gas	Gas		
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Flowing	Flowing Flowing	Flowing		
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift:	a. (Current)	a.	а.		
Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current	<sub>b.</sub> (Original)	b. 640 psi	b.		
All Gas Zones: Estimated Or Measured Original	305 psi	1100 psi	1250 psi		
6. Oil Gravity (EAPI) or Gas BTU Content	Each zone will be isolated and	tested for gas analysis and rate	for allocation percentages.		
7. Producing or Shut-In?	Intent	Intent	Intent		
	Yes	Yes No	No		
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Date:	Date:	Date:		
* If Shut-In, give date and oil/gas/ water rates of last production	Rates:	Rates:	Rates:		
Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data	Date:	Date:	Date:		
* If Producing, give date andoil/gas/ water rates of recent test (within 60 days)	Rates:	Rates:	Rates:		
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Oil: Gas: %	Oil: Gas: % %	Oil: Gas: %		
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10. Are all working, overriding, an If not, have all working, overri	d royalty interests identical in a ding, and royalty interests beer	Il commingled zones? notified by certified mail?	<u>X</u> Yes No YesNo		
11. Will cross-flow occur? <u>X</u> flowed production be recovered	YesNo If yes, are fluids , and will the allocation formula	s compatible, will the formations be reliable. <u>X</u> Yes N	not be damaged, will any cross o (If No, attach explanation)		
12. Are all produced fluids from al	l commingled zones compatible	e with each other? X Y	′esNo		
13. Will the value of production be					
14. If this well is on, or communiti: United States Bureau of Land					
15. NMOCD Reference Cases for	Rule 303(D) Exceptions:	ORDER NO(S)			
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I hereby certify that the informatio	n above is true and complete to	o the best of my knowledge and	belief.		
SIGNATURE			<u>ent</u> DATE <u>4/20/00</u>		
TYPE OR PRINT NAME	Ferry G. Lindeman	TELEPHONE N	o.( <u>970-382-9100</u> )		

The Jicarilla 458-5 No. 5 well is located on the Jicarilla reservation in Northwestern New Mexico.

Attachment 1 outlines the benefits of commingling the zones applied for, as well as the Jicarilla Tribal Council Resolution of their approval and stipulations.

Attachment 2 exhibits the conditions under which the Bureau of Land Management concurred to the down hole commingling.

The bottom hole pressures used for item 5 were averaged from offset wells within the same lease.

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## **Mallon Oil Company**

## Exhibit A

## JICARILLA 458-5 # 5 SE/NE Sec 5, T 30N, R 03W Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

 Surface casing:
 8-5/8", 24 lb/ft, @ 278'

 Production casing:
 5-1/2", 15.5 lb/ft, @ 4175'

 Marker Joint:
 @ 3733'

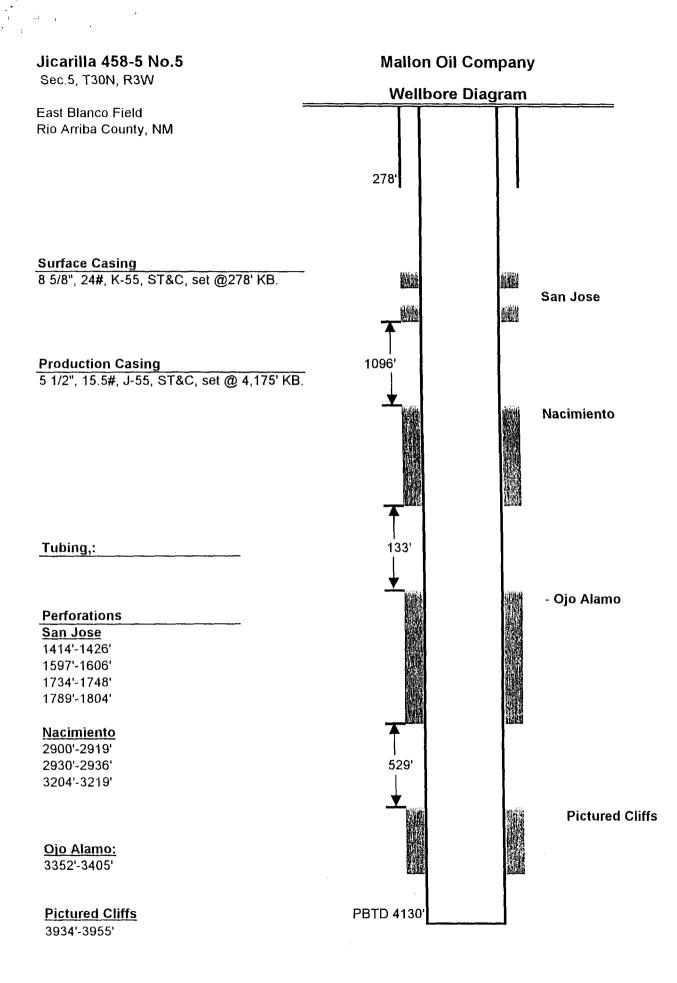
 PBTD:
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## **Completion Procedure (PC, OA, NA, SJ)**

- 1. MIRU completion rig, NU BOP, PU and TIH with 4-3/4" bit and 2-7/8" tbg to PBTD
- 2. Pressure test csg to 1000 psi, circulate hole with 2% KCL water. Swab well down to 2000', TOOH w/ tbg and bit.
- 3. Run GR/CCL correlation log from PBTD to  $\pm 278$ ' (bottom of surface casing). RIH with 3-1/8" csg gun and perforate the Pictured Cliffs formation 3934'-3955' with 4 jspf, 60 degree phasing, and the Ojo Alamo formation 3352'- 3405' 2 jspf, 120 degree phasing.
- 4. RU isolation tool, RU Service Co. fracture stimulate as per procedure.
- 5. Shut well in after stimulation. RU perforators, RIH and perforate the Nacimiento Formation 2900'- 2919', 2930'- 2936', 3204'- 3219' with 4 jspf, 60 degree phasing. RD perforators RU well to flow test.
- 6. Swab/flow test well, send water sample in daily.
- 7. TIH with 5-1/2" RBP and set at ± 2100'. Test RBP to 500 psi. Dump 2 sks of sand on top of RBP. Swab well down to 1200'.
- 8. RU perforators and perforate the San Jose Formation from 1414' 1426', 1597'- 1606', 1734' 1748', 1789'- 1804' with 4 jspf, 60 degree phasing.
- 9. RU Service Co. fracture stimulate as per procedure.
- 10. Swab/flow test well, send water sample in daily.
- 11. Release pkr. TOOH, PU sand pump and clean off RBP at ± 2100', TOOH, LD bailer TIH release RBP, TOOH.LD RBP.
- 12. RU test seperator, PU 5-1/2" RBP and 5-1/2" pkr. TIH, Straddle and test each formation. Retrieve gas sample for each formation for analysis. TOOH with tbg. pkr, and RBP. RU wireline truck, run Gamma Ray Log from TD to surface.
- 13. Test results will determine production tubing size. TIH with production tbg. with 1.81" seat nipple 1 jt. Off bottom. Set bottom of tbg. at  $\pm 3955$ '.
- 14. ND BOP NU wellhead, flow well to pit for test, release rig. Build tank battery install meter runs.

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ATTACHMENT 1



## THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE

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## **RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Resolution No.2000-R-\_\_\_\_-04

### Re: Oil and Gas/Mallon Oil Company Amending Resolution No. 97-R-530-07

WHEREAS, on July 3, 1997, the Tribal Council enacted Resolution No. 97-R-530-07 approving the Plan of Development submitted by Mallon Oil Company for the construction and operation of an Amine Plant for the treatment of sour gas from certain listed oil and gas leases on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the approved Plan of Development required Mallon to isolate the Ojo Alamo formation from all other formations; and

WHEREAS, Mallon has engaged in extensive development of its leases since 1997 and has requested the Tribe's permission for down-hole commingling of gas that will be treated in the Mallon Amine Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Oil and Gas Administration and the Revenue and Taxation Department have reviewed Mallon's proposal and recommend certain conditions be placed on any down-hole commingling of gas by Mallon; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the recommendation of the Oil and Gas Administration and the Revenue and Taxation Department should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council that the Plan of Development of the Mallon Amine Plant approved by Resolution No. 97-R-530-07 is hereby amended to allow down-hole commingling of gas production by Mallon Oil Company on the following conditions:

- 1. This resolution applies only to production from BIA Oil and Gas Leases Nos. 451, 452, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462 and 464, and Mineral Development Agreements Nos. 701-90-0002 and 701-98-0013.
- 2. Mallon will apply to the Oil and Gas Administration (OGA) for approval of down-hole commingling on a well-by-well basis.

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- 3. Mallon will test each well drilled, including a 48-hour stabilized flow test for each producing zone and gas analysis testing for each producing zone.
- 4. Mallon will submit to OGA the same application for permission to commingle that is submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management. The application will include the test results specified in par. 3, the proposed completion program, and a proposed method of allocating production rates and Btu content to each zone.
- 5. OGA and Revenue & Taxation will approve/disapprove the application within ten working days after receipt of the application.
- 6. The Tribe will not approve down-hole commingling of production from zones that are subject to different royalty rates.
- 7. The cumulated total of MMBtus allocated to all producing zones of a well shall not be less than the total MMBtus measured at the wellhead.
- 8. The allocation formula (Btu content and production rates) shall be subject to review by the OGA and Revenue and Taxation annually.
- 9. Under normal operating procedures sour gas will not be allowed to enter any other formation.
- 10. The commingled stream of gas will be metered at the wellhead and will be tested for Btu content semi-annually.
- 11. The Tribe's consent to down-hole commingling for a well shall be subject to withdrawal if there is damage to any producing formation or if the allocation formula results in royalty payments to the Tribe that are less than the royalty that would be payable from separate completions of each zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution releases Mallon from compliance with the normal permitting and approval requirements imposed by federal or tribal law in connection with any oil and gas well drilled or to be drilled on the leases or mineral development agreements identified above.

#### JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE

President

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#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was enacted by the Tribal Council of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2000, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ against, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Tribal Council members was present.

ATTEST:

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Secretary

a Mallon Resources Subsidiary

# Mallon Oil Company

Denver/Colorado 
 Durango/Colorado
 Carlsbad/New Mexico

April 4, 2000

Mr. Thurman Velarde Oil & Gas Administration Jicarilla Apache Tribe PO Box 507 Dulce, NM 87528

Dear Mr. Velarde:

A commingling review meeting was held in Farmington on October 21, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussion about the potential for down hole commingling in the Mallon operated wells located in the East Blanco Field. The area of Mallon's interest in the East Blanco Field is within the Jicarilla Tribal Reservation and is located in T28-31N R2-3W. The meeting participants included representatives from the Jicarilla Tribe, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and Mallon Oil Company. The list of attendees is attached (Exhibit 1). Mallon Oil Company plans to request approval of down hole commingling of separately pooled formations on a well by well basis once Jicarilla Tribal approval is obtained for the reasons described below and requests your support of this process.

The development of the natural gas reserves in this area began in 1986 with the completion of wells in the Pictured Cliffs formation. Mallon Oil Company is actively developing three additional Tertiary age formations in this area. These formations are the San Jose, Nacimiento, and Ojo Alamo. Some basic geologic and reservoir information is included on the attached reservoir summary sheet (Exhibit 2). Mallon is currently limited to completing only two zones at a time in each well bore. This limitation is due to the requirement that two tubing strings with a packer be used to separate the two producing zones. The separate tubing strings produce to separate surface and metering facilities at the surface before being combined into the common gathering system (Exhibit 3) to transport the gas to Mallon's compression and treating facility. All zones require compression to produce and the treating facility removes H2S from the combined gas stream before entering the El Paso system.

Some of the completed wells have four to five potentially productive intervals that could be completed and put on production (Exhibit 4) under a commingling plan of operation. The commingling of zones down hole would eliminate the need to drill shallow twin wells to produce the San Jose intervals (Exhibit 5), thus minimizing surface and environmental disturbances as well as increasing the revenue to the Jicarilla Tribe.

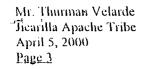
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Additionally, the two zone two tubing string completion does not allow for maximum production flexibility to ensure that gas rates from each well bore are maximized. The Ojo Alamo and shallower reservoirs produce water at some locations. Allowing down hole commingling of reservoirs would allow the wells to more optimally produce these reservoirs by increasing the lift efficiency.

The advantages of down hole commingling are:

- Production can be increased from the current well bores by opening more than two zones. This will increase recoverable reserves and maximize revenues to the Jicarilla Tribe.
- Production rates can be maintained at a higher level by reducing liquid in the well bores. This will be accomplished by commingling gas with lower associated water production to help lift well bore liquid. Efficient down hole mechanical configurations such as artificial lift could be installed, which can not be effectively applied now because of the two tubing string completions.
- Reducing the total number of wells required for each spacing unit would minimize surface disturbances. Commingling would also reduce the required surface equipment from one set of equipment for each reservoir/tubing string to one set per well.
- Down hole commingling will allow artificial lift to be installed to extend the wells producing life.
- Ultimate gas recoveries will be increased by allowing development into marginal field areas that can not be developed if more than one tubing string and surface equipment set are required.
- Jicarilla revenues will increase in the new MDA areas by allowing reduced investments and subsequently earlier well pay outs that result in increased Jicarilla royalty rates at interest reversion.
- Down hole commingling will allow Mallon to hydraulically fracture and complete more than one reservoir at a time which will reduce the time that completion equipment is on the well site, reduce investment costs, and allow development of marginal areas.

Down hole commingling is not being applied for in zones with different royalty rates.



The point of gas measurement and royalty payment will remain the same and will not be changed by down hole commingling. Royalty payments will be paid based on production allocated to each producing formation.

Current spacing for all reservoirs being discussed is 160 acres.

Mallon intends to pursue down hole commingling to accomplish the above recovery and revenue improvements. This process will include:

- Applying for down hole commingling for San Jose, Nacimiento and Ojo Alamo production on a well by well basis.
- Applying for down hole commingling of new Pictured Cliffs producers with new or prior Ojo Alamo, Nacimiento or San Jose zones on a well by well basis.
- Evaluate and apply for field wide commingling after adequate well by well commingled cases have been approved and commingled well performance reviewed by appropriate agencies.

Mallon respectfully requests your assistance in obtaining Jicarilla Tribe approval of down hole commingling of gas production. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 970-382-9100. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mallon Oil Company

Robert E. Blaylock District Manager

Mr. Thurman Velarde Ticarilla Apache Tribe April 5, 2000 <u>Page 4</u>

### EXHIBIT 1

# MEETING ATTENDEES OCTOBER 21, 1999 FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

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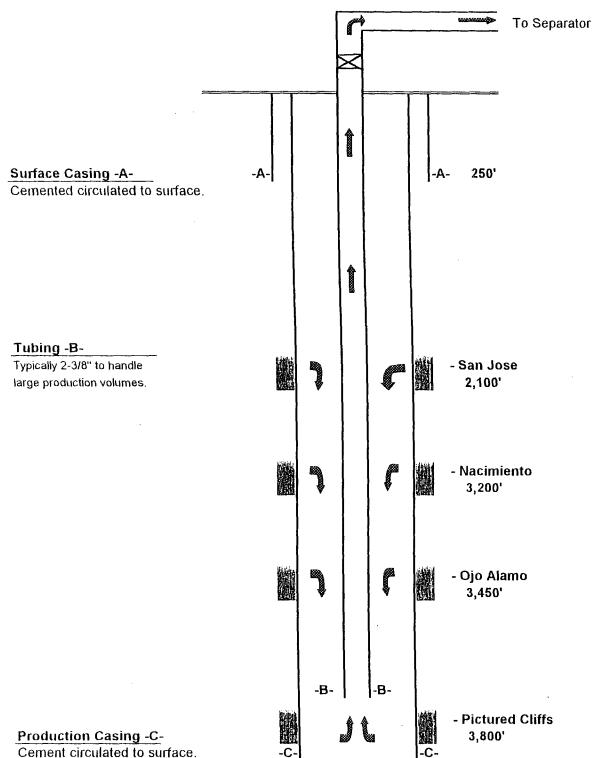
## - Typical Wellbore Schematic

East Blanco Field Rio Arriba County, NM

### **Mallon Oil Company**

### Wellbore Diagram

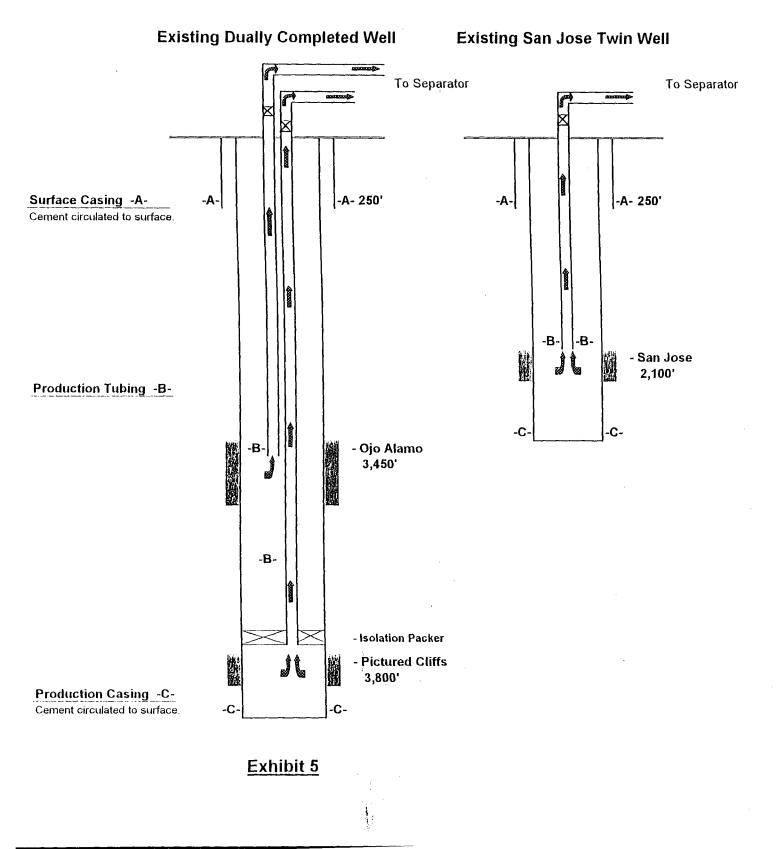
## **Proposed Downhole Commingled Well**



**Exhibit 4** 

**้ Typicล์เ Wellbore** Schematics East Blanco Field Rio Arriba County, NM Mallon Oil Company

## Wellbore Diagrams



# Mallon Oil Company

Denver & Durango, Colorado +
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December 17, 1999

Mr. Thurman Valarde Oil & Gas Administration Jicarilla Apache Tribe PO Box 507 Dulce, NM 87528

#### ATTACHMENT 2

Dear Mr. Valarde:

A commingling review meeting was held in Farmington on October 21, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussion about the potential for downhole commingling in the Mallon operated wells located in the East Blanco Field. The area of Mallon's interest in the East Blanco Field is within the Jicarilla Tribal Reservation and is located in T28-31N R2-3W as shown on the attached map (Exhibit 1). The meeting participants included the Jicarilla Tribe, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and Mallon Oil Company. The list of attendees is attached (Exhibit 2).

There are currently five producing formations in the Mallon operated project. The producing formations are the San Jose, Nacimiento, Ojo Alamo, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs. Downhole commingling will improve the volumetric and economic recovery of these reservoirs while minimizing surface disturbances. Mallon Oil Company plans to pursue downhole commingling of the above formations once Jicarilla Tribal approval is obtained for the reasons described below and requests your support of this process.

The Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs formations were the initial reservoirs of interest when the development of this area began in 1986. Recently Mallon has been developing the San Jose, Nacimiento and Ojo Alamo formations. Some basic geologic and reservoir information is included on the attached reservoir summary sheet (Exhibit 3). Mallon is currently completing only two zones in each wellbore with two tubing strings and a packer separating the zones. The tubing strings produce to separate surface and metering facilities at the surface before entering a common gathering system to transport the gas to Mallon's compression and treating facility. The treating facility removes H2S from the gas and compresses all gas to enter the El Paso system. All zones require compression to produce. Some wellbores have four or five potential commercial formations that could be completed and commingled.

The current completion method only allows two zones to produce from one wellbore. Adding San Jose production to a well producing Pictured Cliffs and Ojo Alamo currently requires drilling an additional wellbore which is not economic in the marginal portions of this field. By allowing downhole commingling, the second wellbore would not be required and well economics can be improved to continue development into marginal field areas.

Additionally, the two zone two tubing string completion does not allow for maximum production flexibility to ensure that gas rates from each wellbore are maximized. The Ojo Alamo and shallower reservoirs produce water at some locations. Allowing downhole commingling of reservoirs would allow Mallon to more optimally produce these reservoirs by increasing the lift efficiency.

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The advantages of downhole commingling are:

- Production can be increased from the current wellbores by opening more than two zones. This will
  increase recoverable reserves and maximize revenues to the Jicarilla Tribe.
- Production rates can be maintained at a higher level by reducing liquid in the wellbores. This will be
  accomplished by commingling gas with lower associated water production to help lift wellbore liquid.
  Efficient downhole mechanical configurations such as artificial lift could be installed, which can not be
  effectively applied now because of the two tubing string completions.
- Surface disturbances will be minimized by reducing the total number of wells required for each spacing unit. Commingling would also reduce the required surface equipment from one set of equipment for each reservoir/tubing string to one set per well.
- Downhole commingling will allow artificial lift to be installed to extend the wells producing life.
- Ultimate gas recoveries will be increased by allowing development into marginal field areas that can not be developed if more than one tubing string and surface equipment set are required.
- Jicarilla revenues will increase in the new MDA areas by allowing reduced investments and subsequently carlier well payouts that result in increased Jicarilla royalty rates at interest reversion.
- Downhole commingling will allow Mallon to hydraulically fracture and complete more than one reservoir at a time which will reduce the time that completion equipment is on the well site, reduce investment costs, and allow development of marginal areas.

Mallon's activities on Jicarilla reservation lands and royalty rates are very uniform. Original leases had a 0.16666 royalty rate for all zones except the Fruitland Coal which had a 0.1875 royalty rate. One original lease had a royalty rate of 0.20 for all zones. New Mineral Development Agreements have a uniform royalty rate of 0.20 for all reservoirs. Downhole commingling will not affect royalty rates from wells with uniform royalty rates for all reservoirs. Downhole commingling of the Fruitland Coal reservoir on original leases with a 0.1875 royalty rate would not be applied for without appropriate production allocation to assure proper royalty payments.

The point of gas measurement and royalty payment will remain the same and will not be changed by downhole commingling. Gas properties vary by zone but test calculations were made that determined the royalty rate paid for the gas will not be affected by downhole commingling. Royalty payment test calculations are further explained in Exhibit 4.

Current spacing is 160 acres for all reservoirs except the Fruitland Coal which is 320 acre spacing. Downhole commingling of the Fruitland Coal would be limited to one completion per 320 acres as long as the Fruitland coal spacing is 320 acres.

Mallon intends to pursue downhole commingle to accomplish the above recovery and revenue improvements. This process will include:

 Applying for downhole commingling for San Jose, Nacimiento and Ojo Alamo production on a well by well basis. Mr. Thurman Valarde Jicarilla Apache Tribe December 17, 1999 Page 3

- Continue with the Nacimiento formation analysis by completing the Nacimiento in additional wellbores to establish the extent of reservoir continuity/variability and establish a production characteristic curve to use in production allocation.
- Applying for downhole commingling of new Pictured Cliffs producers with new or prior Ojo Alamo, Nacimiento or San Jose zones on a well by well basis. Applications involving the Pictured Cliffs will be accompanied by pressure tests/information for this zone. The application may include a packer and backpressure valve configuration to ensure no crossflow into the Pictured Cliffs.
- Evaluate Fruitland Coal potential individually and apply for commingling with other zones after performance curves have been established for this zone.
- Evaluate and apply for field wide commingling after adequate well by well commingled cases have been approved and commingled well performance reviewed by appropriate agencies.

Mallon respectfully requests your concurrence that downhole commingling should begin on a well by well basis and be approved by the appropriate parties. Please sign below to show your concurrence and return a copy to Mallon Oil Company. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-293-2333, ext. 1450. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mallon Oil Company

mas Rav E. Jones

Vice President - Engineering

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Bureau of Land Management

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Jicarilla Tribal Minerals

cc: Joe Muniz, Executive Director of Natural Resources David Wong, Executive Director of Revenue and Taxation