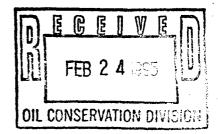


February 25, 1995

Mike Stogner NM Oil Conservation Div. 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87504



Dear Mike,

On behalf of EnRe Corporation I am enclosing two copies each of two applications for non-standard locations. Both wells were drilled into the Mancos in 1992, completed, and later plugged back to the Mesa Verde. The applications are for non-standard locations in the Blanco-Mesa Verde. Both are too close to quarter section lines. Closest lease line is at least 3,089' away. Closest existing well of any type is at least 3,110' away.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Wood

cc (w/ encl.): Ernie Busch Mitch Michelson





REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION FOR EnRe CORPORATION'S LEAVRY CANYON 24 N #1 GAS WELL IN THE BLANCO MESA VERDE POOL

1025' FSL & 2030' FWL SEC. 24, T. 27 N., R. 2 W., RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NM

- I. The well is on Jicarilla Apache Tribal Trust surface and minerals. An onsite was held prior to drilling in 1992. Application for Permit to Drill is on file and the approved Form 3160-3 is attached.
- II. A C-102 (hachure marks are for proposed Mesa Verde unit, whole section was originally dedicated to the Mancos Gallup per R-9720) and map showing the well location, proration unit (S2 of Sec. 24 which totals 320 acres), and lease (all of T. 27 N., R. 2 W. is tribal lease 701-94-0010 and totals 16,958.57 ac.) are attached.
- III. There are no producing wells in 24-27n-2w or the eight surrounding sections. A map is attached showing the 24 N 1 well (square), quarter-quarter lines (dotted line), and proposed Mesa Verde spacing unit (dashed line). No existing Mesa Verde spacing units offset the spacing unit proposed for this well. There is only one lease/mineral agreement (701-94-0010) within a minimum 3,250' radius. It comprises all of T. 27 N., R. 2 W. EnRe and the Jicarilla Apache Tribe are the only royalty or working interest owners.
- IV. A composite copy copy of the Leavry Canyon and Los Indios Canyon 7.5' USGS maps are attached. Lease is marked by a solid line. The proposed wellsite is marked by a square. Proposed proration unit (320 ac.) is marked by dashed lines. Quarter-quarter lines are dotted lines. No existing well is with a one mile radius. No existing Mesa Verde spacing units offset the spacing unit proposed for this well. There are no proposed wells in the surrounding eight sections.
- V. Request for a non-standard location is based on the recompletion exception in Rule 104. F. (1).
- VI. Archaeology is not an issue.

VII. Location is ouside of the orthodox drilling window due to the presence of EnRe's existing wellbore which was originally permitted and drilled into the West Puerto Chiquito Mancos Extension pool, later called the Gavilan Mancos Extension pool. It has since been plugged back.

VIII. Directional drilling is not feasible because it is not cost effective. EnRe's recent Cedar Canyon 22-G well (22-28n-1w) required 4 sidetracks.

IX. I hereby certify that notice has been sent to the following lessees, lessors, surface management agencies, operators of spacing units, or owners of undrilled leases which adjoin the applicant's spacing unit on one or more of the two sides or the single closest corner to the proposed well and that the information is current and correct:

BIA Jicarilla Apache Tribe

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Signature, Title, & Date
STATE OF Alew Mexico
SS:
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Form 3160-3 (November 1983) (formerly 9-331C)

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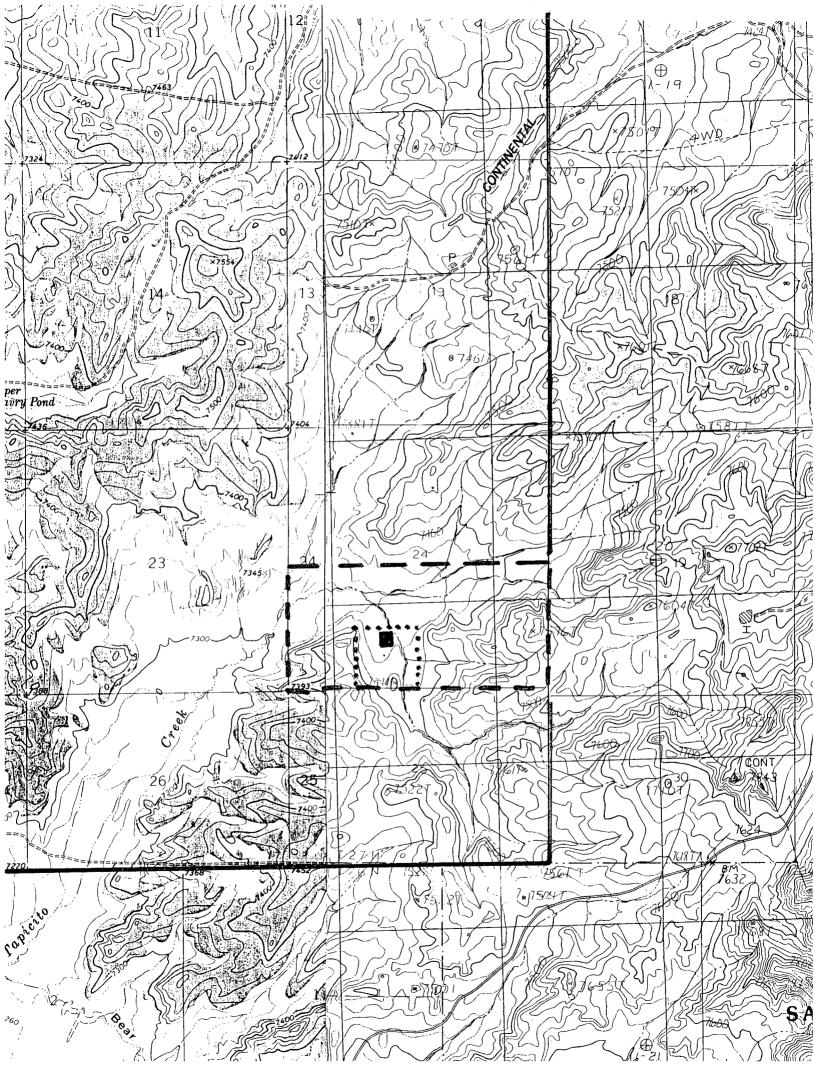
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February 12, 1995

Darrell Tafoya BIA Branch of Realty P.O. Box 167 Dulce, NM 87528

Dear Darrell,

SENDER:

As required by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rules, I am notifying you of the following non-standard locations for wells. This letter is a notice only. No action need be taken unless you have questions or objections. EnRe is seeking approval for recompleting in the Mesa Verde for wells which were originally drilled into the Mancos. This will eliminate the need to drill new wells and disturb more land. The 24 N is 180' too close to the quarter section line between the SW4 and SE4. The 28 B is 335' too close to the north section line. The wells are ≈3,089' from the closest lease line (from 28 B to south line of T. 27 N., R. 2 W.).

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Applicant Name: EnRe Corporation (210) 826-0681

Applicant's Address: P.O. Box 6027, San Antonio, Tx. 78209

<u>Submittal Information:</u> Applications for non-standard locations will be filed with the NM Oil Conservation Division this week. If they determine the application complies with the applicable regulations, then it will be approved. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division address is 2040 S. Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Their phone number is (505) 827-7131.

I also wish to receive the

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Wood

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Thurman Velarde
Oil & Gas Administration
P.O. Box 507
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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:

> CASE NO. 10536 Order No. R-9720

APPLICATION OF AMERICAN HUNTER EXPLORATION, LTD. FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

## BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 20, 1992, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 11th day of September, 1992, 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) The applicant, American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. (American Hunter), seeks an exception to Rule No. (4) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-6469-B, as amended, for its Jicarilla 24N-1 (27-2) Well to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 1000 feet from the South line and 2250 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Undesignated West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. All of Section 24 is to be dedicated to this well forming a standard 640-acre spacing and proration unit for this pool.
- (3) The proposed well is subject to the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, specifically Rule No. (4) which requires that wells be located no closer than 1650 feet from the outer boundary of the proration unit nor closer than 330 feet from any quarter section line.

- (4) At the time of the hearing, the applicant requested that its proposed unorthodox location be amended to 1025 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 24. According to testimony, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, after conducting an on-site inspection, requested that the applicant move the location due to surface considerations.
- (5) In addition, the applicant requested that the subject case not be readvertised in the interest of expediency and inasmuch as the newly proposed location is slightly less unorthodox than the location originally proposed.
- (6) The request was granted by the Division and the subject case was taken under advisement.
- (7) The subject well will be drilled to the Mancos formation at an estimated depth of 7,700 feet.
- (8) The Mancos formation consists of a highly fractured shale and for a well in this formation to be a commercial producer it must intersect the natural fracture system in the reservoir.
- (9) To locate the fracture system in the Mancos formation, seismic lines were shot across the proposed dedicated acreage.
- (10) The location of these seismic lines was dictated, in part, by surface geology and topographic conditions and the seismic locations were approved by the Jicarilla Tribe.
- (11) Although the seismic lines across Section 24 traverse only unorthodox locations as established by the Special Rules and Regulations for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, these lines are at reasonable locations to enable the owners in this and offsetting tracts to gather data on and evaluate this formation.
- (12) The proposed unorthodox location is on or in close proximity to a seismic line traversing Section 24 and shows what is interpreted to be the natural fracture system at this location.
- (13) The drilling of a well at a standard location in this section cannot be justified because sufficient seismic data indicating the presence of a natural fracture system does not exist.
- (14) Development of this spacing and proration unit with a well at the proposed unorthodox location is the most prudent location from which to develop this acreage to produce the reserves thereunder in the Mancos formation and should thereby prevent waste.

- (15) The offsetting acreage to the east of the proposed unorthodox well location is operated by the applicant and is being developed as a Joint Venture Property with the Jicarilla Apache Tribe.
- (16) The offsetting acreage to the south of the proposed unorthodox location is operated by the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and American Hunter and is being developed as a Joint Venture Property between the two parties.
- (17) No other offset operator and/or interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.
- (18) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the affected pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The applicant, American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. is hereby authorized to drill its Jicarilla 24N-1 (27-2) Well at an unorthodox oil well location 1025 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Undesignated West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (2) All of Section 24 shall be dedicated to the above-described well forming a standard 640-acre spacing and proration unit for this pool.
- (3) 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