

November 1, 1994

New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention:

Mr. David Catanach, Examiner

Subject:

Surface & Lease Commingling, Off-lease Storage

Indian Basin (Upper Penn Associated) Pool

Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach,

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. respectfully requests administrative approval to commingle production from the following seven leases into a common tank battery.

| Fed Lse No | <u>Lease Name</u> | Location | Formation |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| NM-76944 NM-88092 NM-89143 Fee Leases | Pan Am Pardue "ALZ" Fed Com | 27-21S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-53218 Fee Leases | Righthand Canyon "34" Fed Com | 34-21S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-83037 | Jones Canyon "4" Fed | 04-22S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-81217 NM-78214 | Nagooltee Peak "5" Fed Com | 05-22S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-81219 | Old Ranch Canyon "7" Fed | 07-22S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-81220 | Old Ranch Knoll "8" Fed (N/2) | 08-22S-24E | Upper Penn |
| NM-83552 NM-81220 NM-78214 | Old Ranch Knoll "8" Fed Com (S/2) | 08-22S-24E | Upper Penn |

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A map (Exhibit 1) is enclosed showing Federal lease numbers and location of all leases which will contribute production to the proposed commingling and common storage facility. All unitized and/or communitized areas are clearly illustrated. Currently, there are 1 to 2 producing wells on each lease. These wells are noted in Exhibit 1. Over the next 2-3 years it is likely that as many as eight wells will be drilled and produced per section. The central storage and measuring facility is to be located in the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 8 - T22S - R24E, on Federal Lease Number NM-83552, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The purpose of the off-lease storage and surface commingling is to reduce operating costs for storage, treating, and handling, thereby extending the economic life of each well. Without approval, it would be necessary to build stand-alone facilities at each well.

Schematic diagrams (Exhibits 2, 3, & 4) are attached which clearly identify the equipment and concept to be utilized for measurement, off-lease storage, and commingling operations. They are submitted in accordance with the Oil Conservation Division's Rules 303-B, 309-B, and 309-C. Details of the proposed method for allocating production to contributing sources are as follows:

Each of six (6) proposed satellite batteries* will be equipped with a header system, a test separator with oil, water, and gas measurement devices, a three-phase production separator, oil and water transfer pumps, turbine flow meters to measure total oil and water production from the satellite, and an orifice meter equipped with a gas flow analyzer.

The central battery will contain two (2) heater-treaters, oil and water storage tanks, a skim tank and accompanying skimmed-oil tank, a LACT unit, a produced water master meter (turbine), and a master orifice meter with a chart recorder or gas flow analyzer. Compression facilities will also be located at the central battery site.

Oil, water, and gas measurements will be made continuously at each satellite battery. These measured volumes, totalled monthly, will be used to allocate oil and gas sales volumes at the central battery back to each contributing lease. In addition, disposed water volumes will be allocated back to the leases to calculate proportionate shares of water disposal charges. Because each satellite facility will have identical measurement devices, we expect very accurate production allocations.

^{*} The proposed satellite battery in Section 8 will operate as a "split system" in order to separately and continuously measure production from the South half (a communitized lease) and the North half (not a communitized lease) of the section.

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All interest owners in affected leases have been notified of the commingling and off-lease storage proposal. Names and addresses for each are contained in Exhibit 5. Also included is the application for commingling and off-lease storage to the BLM (Exhibit 6).

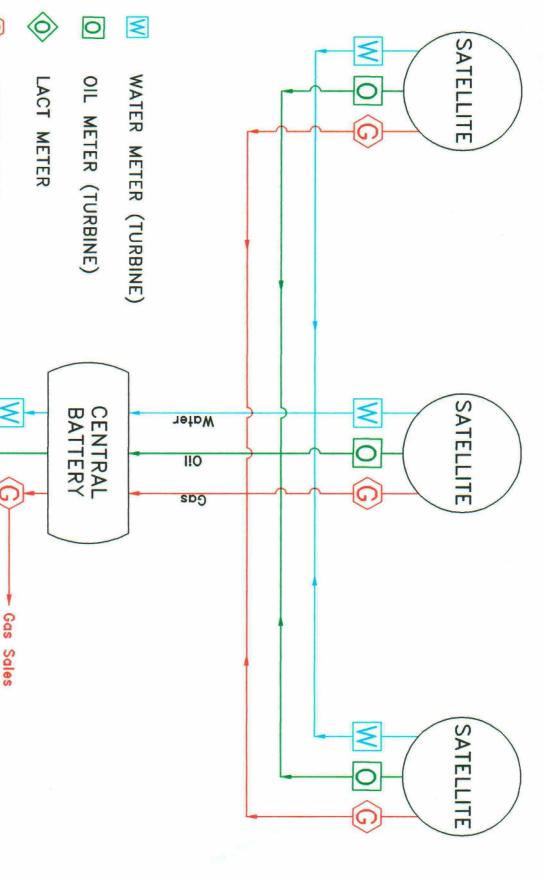
Project start-up is expected toward the end of November. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or need further information, please call me at (915) 686-6709.

Sincerely,

Don Rogers

Project Manager - CISCO Asset Area

CENTRAL & SATELLITE BATTERIES EAST INDIAN BASIN



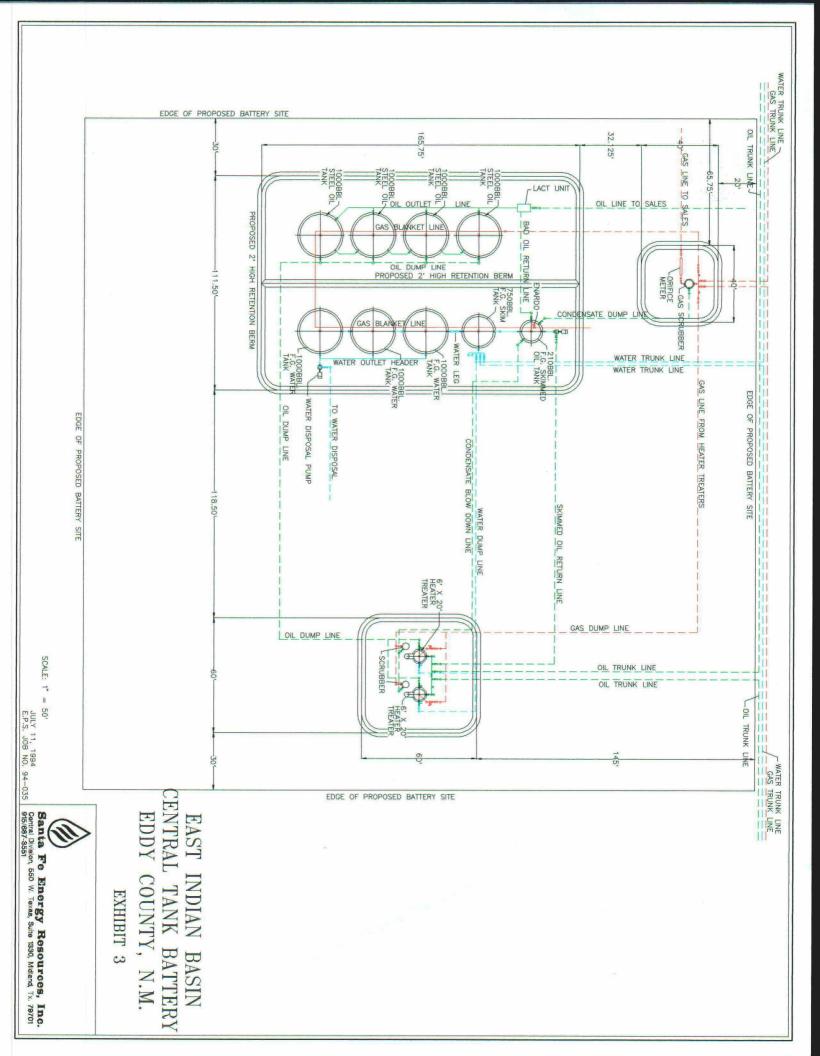
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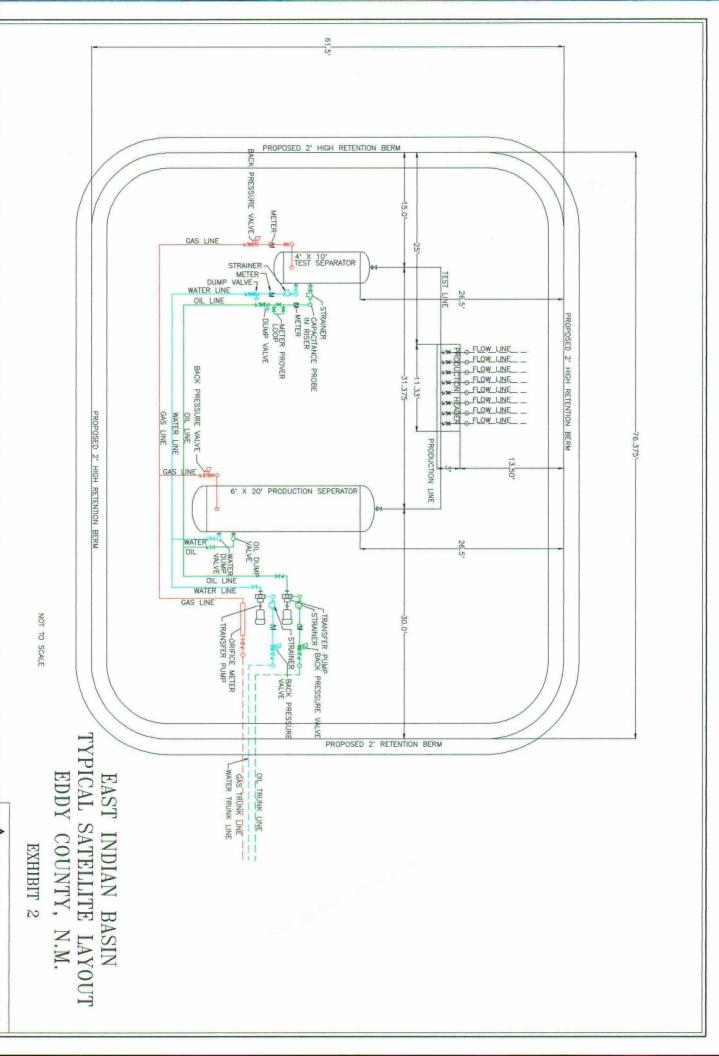
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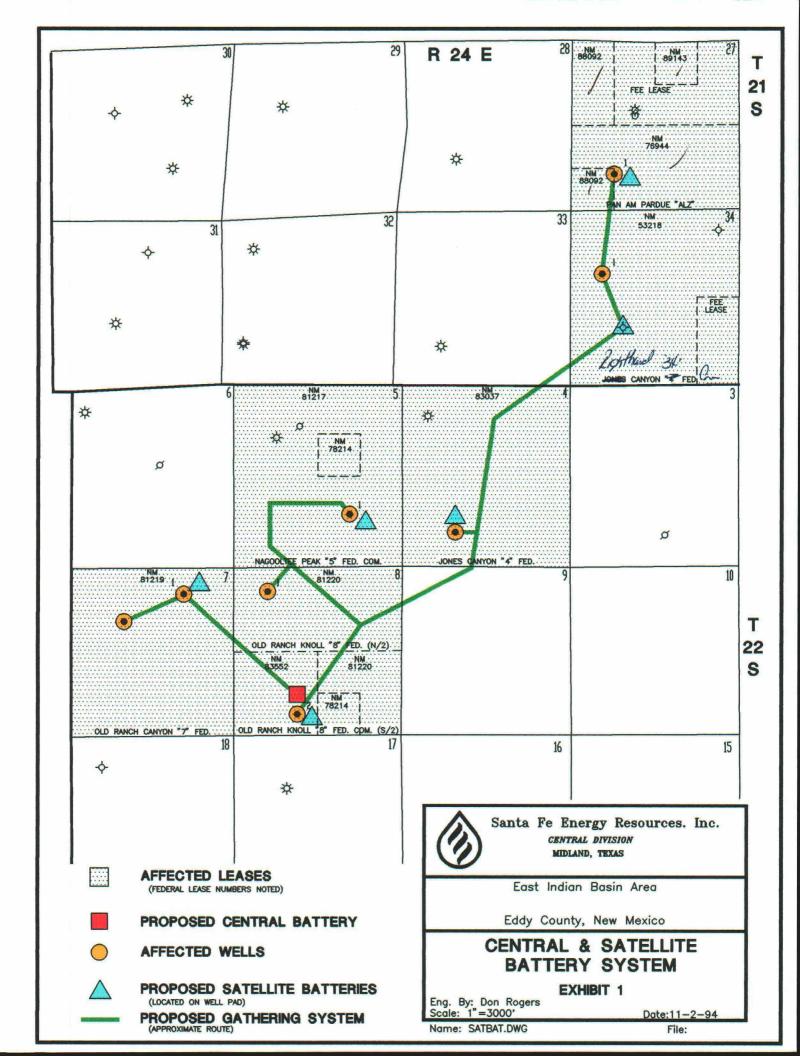
EXHIBIT 4





JULY 11, 1994 E.P.S. JOB NO. 94-035

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Working & Royalty Interest Owner List

Exhibit 5

Stephanie Aldemir 2065 S. Norma Lane Anaheim, California 92802

AmSouth Bank, N. A.
Natural Resources Department
Minerals Section as Trustee
u/w/o J.M. Phillips, deceased
P. O. Box 11426
Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Stacy Elizabeth Shafer Biebelle Skipworth Hart Shafer Patricia Shafer Lyman Queen Route Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

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Carmex, Inc. P. O. Box 1718 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Christine Campos 32772 Jonathon Circle Dana Point, California 92629

Bill Fenn P. O. Drawer 569 Giddings, Texas 78942

Nell Arnold Handley Rt. 6, Box 87 Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Robert Phillips Handley 727 Cherry Missoula, Montana 59802

Kugeler Brothers 4100 S. Bellaire St. Englewood, Colorado 80110

Merland, Inc.
P. O. Box 548
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Pardue Farms, Inc. P. O. Box 2018 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

Kathleen C. Robbins 11172 Harcourt Avenue Garden Grove, California 92641

Ronald C. Robbins 568 Sparkes Road Sebastapol, California 95476

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Earl J. Waters 1209 West Ural Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Dena Louise Wilson & Mary Virginia Walker, Co-Trustees of the Leona L. Stagner Irrev. Trust 1605 Live Oak Place Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Jerry Phillips Winfield c/o Dept. of Foreign Languages Mercer University Macon, Georgia 31207

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

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| form 3160-5 June 1990) | UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT | | | FORM APPROVED Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135 Expires: March 31, 1993 5. Lease Designation and Serial No. | | | | |
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Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or franchisent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.