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March 9, 1993

Mr. William LeMay, Director State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Administrative Application for 120-Acre Non-Standard Proration Unit and Unorthodox Gas Well Location For Conoco's SEMU Burger No. 63 Well, Located at 1650' FNL & 1650' FEL, Sec. 19, T-20S, R-38E, Lea County, New Mexico

Conoco Inc. requests administrative approval of a 120-acre non-standard proration unit and an unorthodox gas well location for the proposed recompletion of its currently named SEMU McKee No. 63 to the Eumont Gas Pool. The location of this well and the 120 acres proposed to be dedicated to it are shown on the attached C-102 (EXHIBIT 1).

This well was originally drilled at 1650' FNL and 1650' FEL and was an orthodox location for McKee oil production at 467' from the intersection of the north and east boundaries. However, a Eumont gas well requires minimum 660' setbacks to all boundaries to be orthodox. The 120 acres to be dedicated to the Eumont completion would provide a 450 MCFGPD allowable for the recompletion.

This wellbore is currently completed in the McKee formation and as indicated by the name SEMU McKee has been included in the McKee participating area for the Southeast Monument Unit (SEMU). It is proposed to abandon this depleted McKee completion to test the gas potential of Yates, Seven Rivers, and upper Queen intervals in the Eumont Pool. The nearest commercial Eumont production and the established Eumont participating area in the Southeast Monument Unit is located a mile to the west of this well. Therefore, until proven commercial and determined as requiring a participating area, this well will be renamed for the original lease and will be renamed as the SEMU Burger No. 63.

EXHIBIT 2 is a well location map of the area and shows the following:

- SEMU Burger No. 63 and its 120-acre proration unit in light blue.
- 2. Offset operators to the proposed proration unit.
- All Eumont completions (oil & gas) indicated by an "E" under the well. 3.
- 4. SEMU boundary in red.
- SEMU Permian Waterflood boundary in dark blue

This proposed proration unit is offset by Conoco operations with the exception of the NE/4 NE/4 of section 19 and the SE/4 SE/4 of section 18 which are operated by Amerada. Amerada has been notified by certified mail of this application.

EXHIBITS 3 & 4 are structure maps on the top of the Seven Rivers formation. They both indicate the presence of a local structural high in the Seven Rivers near the location of SEMU Burger No. 63, which would also be reflected in the Yates and Queen. These two maps also show (notated above each well) the cumulative oil EXHIBIT 3) or gas (EXHIBIT 4) recoveries from all Eumont wells in this area.

Eumont production has not previously been established in section 19. However, 4 wells, Nos. 32, 63, 34, and 81 experienced blow outs in Yates and Seven Rivers intervals while drilling to deeper horizons. Since Eumont production in this area would be a significant step-out beyond the previously proven eastern boundary of the established Eumont Pool, the risks of encountering commercial reserves that would economically justify the costs of drilling a new well are very high. Because of these risks, the possible extension of this pool boundary needs to be tested through a recompletion in an existing well before the costs of drilling a new well in section 19 can be justified.

The SEMU No. 63 is the only available wellbore in section 19 and in the vicinity of the previous blow outs and the structural high that is not being utilized in either the SEMU Permian Waterflood or the SEMU McKee Waterflood. However, this previously orthodox location for oil production happens to be at an unorthodox location for a Eumont gas well.

Therefore, approval of this unorthodox location and non-standard proration unit is needed in order to test the potential of expanding the Eumont Gas Pool and to effectively recover any remaining Eumont gas reserves that may exist in section 19. Approval of this application will be in the interest of preventing waste and in protecting the Southeast Monument Unit owners rights to any additional Eumont gas reserves underlying the portion of the unit located in section 19.

If there are additional questions concerning this application, please contact me at (915) 686-6548.

Very truly yours,

Jerry W. Hoover

Senior Conservation Coordinator

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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