#### BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION **NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND** NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 13774** 

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE	)

William F. Carr, attorney in fact and authorized representative of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership, the Applicant herein, states that notice of the above-referenced Application was mailed to the interested parties shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto in accordance with Oil Conservation Division Rules, and that true and correct copies of the notice letter and proof of notice are attached hereto.

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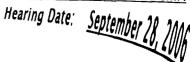
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OXY USA WTP LTD PARTNERSHIP.



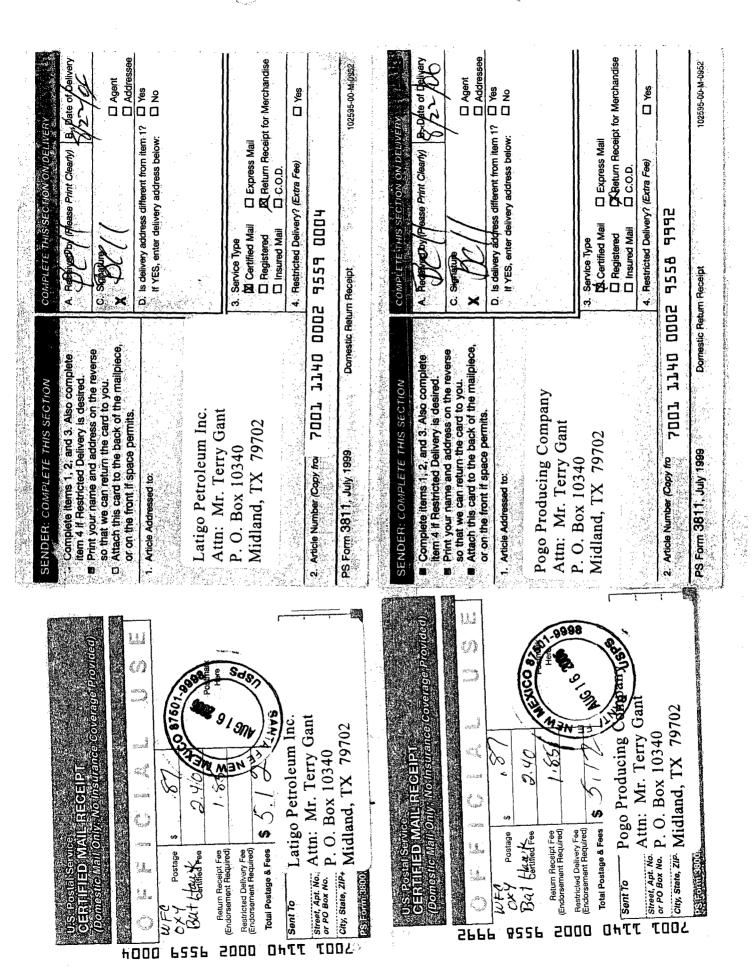
#### **EXHIBIT A**

## APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING N/2 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M. LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### (OXY Bat Hawk State Com Well No. 1)

Pogo Producing Company Attn: Mr. Terry Gant P. O. Box 10340 Midland, Texas 79702

Latigo Petroleum Inc. Attn:Mr. Terry Gant P. O. Box 10340 Midland, Texas 79702





August 17, 2006

#### <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

#### **ALL AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS**

Re: Application of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the compulsory pooling of certain spacing and proration units in the N/2 of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said units will be dedicated to OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership's Bat Hawk State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 29 to an approximate depth of 13,000 feet to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on September 14, 2006. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe office located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, four days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but at least on the Thursday preceding the hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

ATTORNEY FOR OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

cc: Mr. David Evans

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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#### APPLICATION

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership, ("OXY") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, §70-2-17, for an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the N/2 of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico: the N/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing; the NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing, and the E/2 NW/4 for all formations and/pools developed on 80-acre spacing, and in support of its application states:

- 1. OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership is a working interest owner in the N/2 of said Section 29 and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. OXY proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Oxy Bat Hawk State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled as a wildcat well at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 29, to an approximate depth of 13,000 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.
- 3. OXY has sought and been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units who are identified on Exhibit A to this application.
- 4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. In order to permit OXY to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 14, 2006 and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units,
- B. designating OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership operator of these units and the well

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to be drilled thereon.

- C. authorizing OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- E. imposing a penalty for the risk assumed by OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,
HOLLAND & HART LLP

WILLIAM F. CARR

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ATTORNEYS FOR OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

of OXY USA WTP Application Partnership for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the N/2 of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico: the N/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320acre spacing; the NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160acre spacing, and the E/2 NW/4 for all formations and/pools developed on 80-acre spacing. OXY proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Oxy Bat Hawk State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 29. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 miles northwest Maljamar, New Mexico.

# Affidavit of Publication

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such county continuously and uninterruptedly for a period in excess of Twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks next prior to Joyce Clemens being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is Advertisting Director of THE LOVINGTON LEADER, a daily newspaper of general paid circulation published in the English language at Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico; that said newspaper has been so published in the first publication of the notice hereto attached as hereinafter shown; and that said newspaper is in all things duly qualified to publish legal notices within the meaning of Chapter 167 of the 1937 Session Laws of the State of New Mexico.

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Notary Public, Lea County, New Mexico

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Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Sente Fe. New Mexico on this 16th day of August 2006.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Directo Published in the Lovington Leader August 19, 2006.

The State of New Mexico Intrough in the State of Division mereby gives notice pursuant to leave and Regulations of the Division of the Indiana, to the Division of the Indiana, to the New Mexico Division Hearing Room at 816 A.M. on September 14, 2006, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at State State

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(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

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