

EXHIBIT A

**APPLICATION OF
DAN A. HUGHES COMPANY, L.P.
FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL
HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Bruce Thompson, Director
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November 13, 2007

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TO AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS

**Re: Application of Dan A. Hughes Company, L.P. for Approval of
Application for Permit to Drill, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Dan A. Hughes Company, L.P. has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking an order approving its Application for Permit to Drill an initial test well in Section 26, Township 32 South, Range 17 West, N.M.P.M., Hidalgo County, New Mexico. Said well will be drilled as a wildcat well from a standard location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner at 8:15 AM on December 13, 2007. The hearing will be held in Porter Hall in the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe Offices located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. 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, 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,

Kristina Martinez
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of New Mexico,
County of Hidalgo,
City of Lordsburg

I, Brenda Greene, Publisher of the Hidalgo County Herald, a newspaper of record in the aforesaid city, county and state, hereby attest that the following legal notice for **Holland & Hart, LLP:**

Case No. 14022 Dan A. Hughes Company, L.P.

was published for 1 consecutive week(s), from: November 23, 2007 through: November 23, 2007

Amount for this legal notice is: \$ 40.84



Brenda Greene - Publisher

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State of New Mexico
County of Hidalgo

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 5, 2007



Notary Public: Deborah A Greene

My commission expires: October 29, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on December 13, 2007 in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 by December 3, 2007. Public documents including the agenda and minutes can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.

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

CASE NO. 14050:

Application of Dan A. Hughes Company, L.P. for Approval of Application for Permit to Drill, Hidalgo County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of its Application for Permit to Drill an initial test well in Section 26, Township 32 South, Range 17 West, N.M.P.M., Hidalgo County, New Mexico. Said well will be drilled as a wildcat well from a standard location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26. Said well is located North of the United States-Mexico border approximately 40 miles South of Hachita, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 13th day of November 2007.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Mark E. Fesmire, P.E., Director

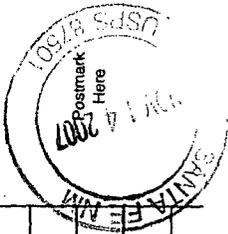
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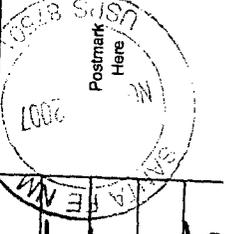
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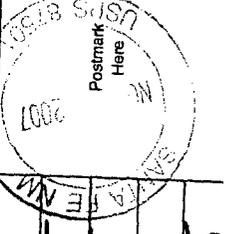
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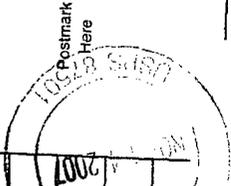


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