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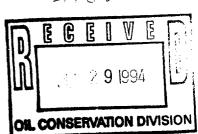
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July 28, 1994

HAND-DELIVERED

Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of an Application for administrative approval of an unorthodox gas well location, filed on behalf of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. Application does not qualify for administrative approval, please set this matter for hearing on the September 1, 1994 Examiner Thank you. docket.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

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Dear Mr. Stogner:

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. hereby requests administrative approval of an unorthodox gas well location for the following well: (ass 1/079

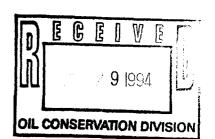
Cygnet 4 Fed. Com. Well No. 1 2310 Feet FSL and 1800 feet FEL S1 of Section 4 - 22 South - 32 East Lea County, New Mexico

The well will be drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation (undesignated Bilbrey-Morrow Gas Pool).

Ownership of leases in the well unit is set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. The well is being drilled on Federal Lease NM This lease was to expire on March 31, 1994, but was suspended pending approval of an APD. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has approved an APD for the well, and the approved APD is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

As requested by Division Memorandum 1-90, the following information is attached:

- 1. Form C-102: See page 28 of Exhibit B.
- Land Plat: See page 24 of Exhibit B. A listing of all offset operators or lessees is attached hereto as Exhibit C. This information was obtained on July 28, 1994 from OCD well files, and State Land Office and BLM lease files, and is current and correct.



Michael E. Stogner July 28, 1994 Page 2

- 3. <u>Topographic Map</u>: <u>See</u> page 23 of Exhibit B. The reason for the proposed well location is to avoid a raptor's nest. <u>See</u> Exhibits D and E attached hereto. The raptor's nest is not reflected on the topographic map.
- 4. <u>Directional Drilling</u>: The cost of drilling directionally to a standard location is approximately \$150,000. Because there are no immediately offsetting Morrow producers, the cost is not justified due to the risk involved.
- 5. <u>Notice</u>: Attached hereto as Exhibit F is an affidavit regarding notice to the offset operators and lessees. The Commissioner of Public Lands was notified because we cannot determine whether the SW\(\frac{1}{2}\) of Section 3 (state land) is currently leased or unleased.
- 6. Other Information: The primary target of the well is the Morrow formation. The Morrow formation in the SW\(\frac{1}{3}\)SE\(\frac{1}{3}\) is as prospective as in the NW\(\frac{1}{3}\)SE\(\frac{1}{3}\). However, due to the expiring federal lease, Applicant desires to drill on that lease and have a secondary target so that if the Morrow is dry it can establish production to maintain the lease in effect. The secondary target is the Delaware (Upper Brushy Canyon) formation. A gross sand isopach of the Brushy Canyon is attached hereto as Exhibit G. The proposed location is standard in the Delaware formation.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests that the above unorthodox location be administratively approved.

Very truly yours,

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

New Mexico State Office 1474 Rodco Rd. P.O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 0115

June 23, 1994

GERTIFIED MAIL--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED P 217 221 910

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. Attention: Mr. Darrell Roberts 550 W. Texas, Suite 1330 Midland, TX 79701

RE: Cygnet "4" Federal Com Well No. 1 NMNM-81271 2310' FSL and 1800' FEL, Sec. 4, T. 22 S., R. 32 E. Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have approved your application for permit to drill at the location requested. A copy of the approved application with stipulations is enclosed.

Based on the bottomhole pressure and multipoint back pressure information you provided for the wells offsetting your proposed drilling location, the variance you requested to Onshore Oil and Gas Operating Order No. 2, Item No. 3 of the Sundry Notice (part of the enclosure), is approved.

Please contact our Carlsbad Resource Area at (505) 887-6544 should you have any questions or if we can be of additional help.

Sincerely

6 ** William C. Calkins State Director

1 Enclosure



OPERATOR'S COPY

SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN	
SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS.	
	a NAME NO. 1-CYGNET "A" FED COM
LOCATION 2310' F S L & 1800'F E L SEC. 4 LEASE NO. NM-81271 COUNTY	, T.2 <u>2S ., R. 32E .</u> LEA
The special stipulations check marked below are applicable approval of this application to drill is conditioned upon in addition to the General Requirements. The permittee six Requirements, a copy of which is available from a Bureau PERMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL TO THESE CFR 3165.3 and 3165.4.	compliance with such stipulations hould be familiar with the General of Land Management office. EACH
This permit is valid for a period of one year from the expiration or termination whichever is shorter.	date of approval or until lease
I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS	
() Lesser Prairie Chicken (Stips attached) () () San Simon Swale (Stips attached) ()) Floodplain (Stips attached)) Other
II. ON LEASE - SURFACE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DRILLING	
(The BLM will monitor construction of this drill site. Area/Office at (505) 234-5272 (XX Hobbs Office at (505) prior to commencing construction.	Notify the () Carlsbad Resource 393-3612, at least 3 working days
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III. WELL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS	
() A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dediapproval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement	cated to the well must be filed for ent must be prior to any sales.
(V Surface Restoration: If the well is a producer, the when dry, and cut-and-fill slopes will be reduced to a sthe pad not necessary for production must be re-contoured of the surrounding terrain, and topsoil must be re-distrequipped with a depth indicator (set at a depth of 1/2 incin pounds of Pure Live Side (PLS), per acre.	lope of 3:1 or less. All areas of to resemble the original contours cibuted and re-seeded with a drill
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RESERVE PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pic shall be constructed entirely in cut material and lined with 8 mil plastic.

Mineral material extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for development of the pad and access road as needed. Removal of any additional material on location must be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation: Reclamation of this type of deep pit will consist of pushing the pit walls into the pit when sufficiently dry to support track equipment. The pit liner is NOT TO BE RUPTURED to facilitate drying; a ten month period after completion of the well is allowed for drying of the pit contents.

The pit area must be contoured to the natural terrain with all contaminated drilling mud buried with at least 3 feet of clean soil. The reclaimed area will then be seeded as specified in this permit.

OPTIONAL PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit may be constructed in predominantly fill material if:

- 1) Lined as specified above and.
- 2) A borrow/caliche/gravel pit can be constructed immediately adjacent to the reserve pit and is capable of containing all reserve pit contents. The mineral material removed in the process can be used for pad and access road construction. However, a material sales contract must be purchased from BLM prior to removal of the material.

Reclamation of the reserve pit consists of buildozing all reserve pit contents and contaminants into the borrow pit and covering with a minimum of 3 feet of clean soil material. The entire area must be recontoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as specified in this permit.

CULTURAL

Whether or not an archaeological survey has been completed and notwithstanding that operations are being conducted as approved, the lessee/operator/grantee shall notify the BLM immediately if previously unidentified cultural resources are observed during surface disturbing operations. From the time of the observation, the lessee/operator/grantee shall avoid operations that will result in disturbance to these cultural resources until directed to proceed by BLM.

TRASH PIT STIPS

All trash, junk and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

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STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESOURCE ROADS
THE ROSWELL DISTRICT, BLM

The holder/grantee/permittee shall hereafter be identified as the holder in these stipulations. The Authorized Officer is the person who approves the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and/or Right-of-Way (ROW).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public domain surface. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will make a documented good-faith effort to contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations:

ROAD WIDTH AND GRADE

The road will have a driving surface of 14 feet (all roads shall have a minimum driving surface of 12 feet, unless local conditions dictate a different width). The maximum grade is 10 percent unless the box below is checked. Maximum width of surface disturbance from construction will be 30 feets

Those segments of road where grade is in excess of 10% for more than 300 feet shall be designed by a professional angineer.

2. CROWNING AND DITCHING

Crowning with materials on site and ditching on one side of the road on the uphill side will be required. The road cross-section will conform to the cross section diagrams in Figure 1. If conditions dictate, ditching may be required for both sides of the road; if local conditions permit, a flat-bladed road may be considered (if these conditions exist, check the appropriate box below). The crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., 1" crown on *12' wide road).

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/_/ Flat-blading is authorized on segment(s) delineated on the attached map.

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3. DRAINAGE

Drainage control shall be ensured over the entire road through the use of borrow ditches, outsloping, insloping, natural rolling topography, lead-off (turnout) ditches, culverts, and/or drainage dips.

A. All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be determined according to the following table, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %):

SPACING INT	ERVAL	FOR	TURNOUT	DITCHES
Percent	slope		Spacing	interval
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4% -	63		250'	- 125'
6% −	88		200'	- 100'
8% - 1	\$ 0.		150'	- 75'

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm will be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch. The ditch end will tie into vegetation whenever possible.

Fdr this road the spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be at

- \sqrt{J} / 400 foot intervals.
- /_/ ___ foot intervals.
- /_/ locations staked in the field as per spacing intervals above.
- /_/ locations delineated on the attached map.
- B. Culvert pipes shall be used for cross drains where drainage dips or low water crossings are not feasible. The minimum culvert diameter must be 13 inches. Any culvert pipe installed shall be of sufficient diameter to pass the anticipated flow of water. Culvert location and required diameter are shown on the attached map (Further details can be obtained from the Roswell District Office or the appropriate Resource Area Office).
- C. On road slopes exceeding 2%, drainage dips shall drain water into an adjacent lead-off ditch. Drainage dip location and spacing shall be determined by the formula:

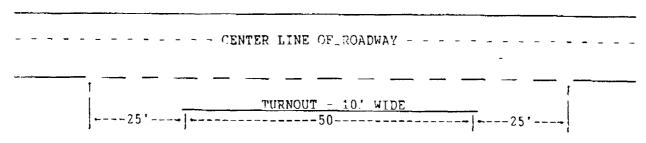
Example: 4% slope: spacing interval = $\frac{400}{4}$ + 100 = 200 feet

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4. TURNOUTS

Unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer, vehicle turnouts will be required. Turnouts will be located at 2000-foot intervals, or the turnouts will be intervisible, whichever is less. Turnouts will conform to the following diagram:



STANDARD TURNOUT - PLAN VIEW

5. SURFACING

Surfacing of the road or those portions identified on the attached map may, at the direction of the Authorized Officer, be required, if necessary, to maintain traffic within the right-of-way with caliche, gravel, or other surfacing material which shall be approved by the Authorized Officer. When surfacing is required, surfacing materials will be compacted to a minimum thickness of six inches with caliche material. The width of surfacing shall be no less than the driving surface. Prior to using any mineral materials from an existing or proposed Federal source, authorization must be obtained from the Authorized Officer.

6. CATTLEGUARDS

Where used, all cattleguard grids and foundation designs and construction shall meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Load Rating M-20, although AASHTO U-80 rated grids shall be required where heavy loads (exceeding M-20 loading), are anticipated (See BLM standard drawings for cattleguards). Cattleguard grid length shall not be less than 8 feet and width of not less than 14 feet. A wire gate (16-foot minimum width) will be provided on one side of the cattleguard unless requested otherwise by the surface user.

7. MAINTENANCE

The holder shall maintain the road in a safe, usable condition. A maintenance program shall include, but not be limited to blading, ditching, culvert installation, culvert cleaning, drainage installation, cattleguard maintenance, and surfacing.

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Exhibit A

8. PUBLIC ACCESS

Public access along this road will not be restricted by the holder without specific written approval being granted by the Authorized Officer. Gates or cattleguards on public lands will not be locked or closed to public use unless closure is specifically determined to be necessary and is authorized in writing by the Authorized Officer.

GULTURAL RESOURCES

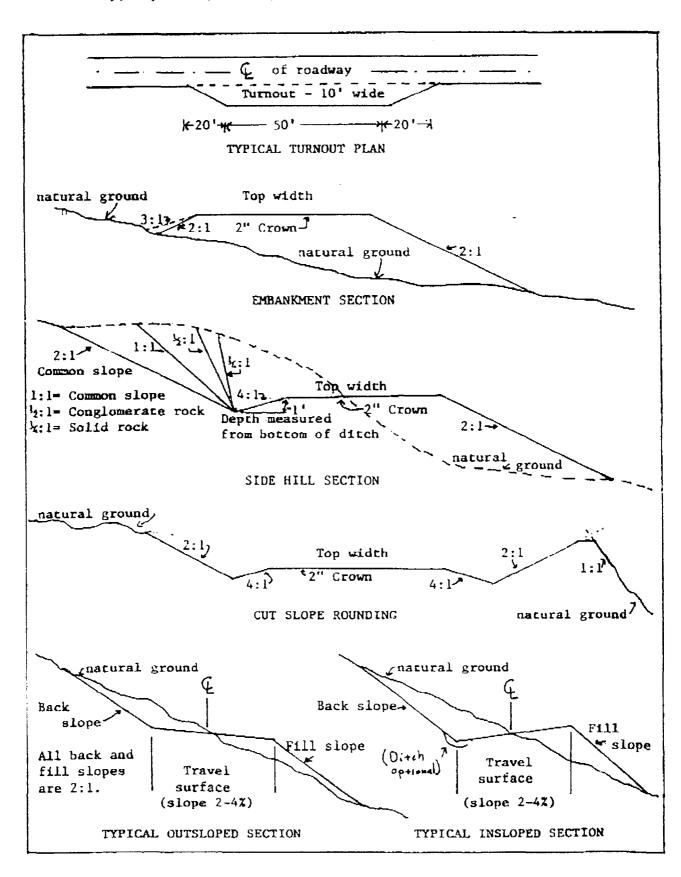
Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on the holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

10. SPECIAL STIPULATIONS:

The New road Must be staked due south of center hole to acoid playar to the East and west

FIGURE 1: CROSS-SECTIONS AND PLANS FOR TYPICAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE OF BLM RESOURCE, AND HIGHER CLASS, ROADS.

(Travel way, top width, driving surface, and travel surface are synonomous.)



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Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.	Cygnet "4" Fed Com No I
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22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START" March 30, 1994

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM						
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17-1/2"	H-40 13-3/8"	48	650'	650 sx to circulate		
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We propose to drill to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation for gas. If productive, a 4-1/2" liner will be cemented at TD. If non-productive, the well will be plugged and abandoned in a manner consistent with Federal Regulations. Specific programs as per Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1 are outlined in the following attachmen

Drilling Program

Exhibit A - Operations Plan

Exhibit B - BOP and Choke

Exhibit C - Drilling Fluid Program

Exhibit D - Auxiliary Equipment

Exhibit E - Topo Map of Location

Exhibit F - Plat Showing Existing Wells

Exhibit G - Well Site Layout

Surface Use and Operations Plan

* 80 Acres NM-81271 Federal, 240 Acres V-3113 State

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to do deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vortical depths. Give blowout preventer pr

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Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease of CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

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DRILLING PROGRAM

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. CYGNET "4" FED. COM NO. 1

In conjunction with Form 3160-3, Application For Permit to Drill the subject well, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. submits the following ten items of pertinent information in accordance with Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 1.

1. Geologic Name of Surface Formation: Alluvium

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2. Estimated Tops of Significant Geologic Markers:

750' Rustler 47001 Base of Salt Delaware Lamar Lime 48507 88001 Bone Spring 11900' Wolfcamp 13300' Strawn 134501 Atoka 13900' Morrow 14850 Top Lower Morrow 15200' Total Depth

3. The estimated depths at which water, oil, or gas formations are expected:

Water None expected in area Gas Atoka @ 13450'
Gas Morrow @ 13900'

4. Proposed Casing Program: See Form 3160-3 and Exhibit A.

5. Pressure Control Equipment: See Exhibit B.

6. Drilling Fluid Program: See Exhibit C.

7. Auxiliary Equipment: A mud logging unit will be utilized to monitor penetration rate and hydrocarbon shows while drilling below 4500' to TD.

8. Testing, Logging, and Coring Program:

Drill Stem Tests: (all DST's to be justified on the basis of a valid show

of oil or gas):

Atoka 13600' - 13700'

Logging:

Dual Laterolog w/MSFL and Gamma Ray 12000'-15200'

Compensated Neutron/Litho-Density/Gamma Ray 4800'-12000' & 12000'-15200'

Compensated Neutron/Gamma Ray (thru csg) Surface-4800'

Coring: No conventional cores are planned.

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9. Abnormal Conditions, Pressures, Temperatures, & Potential Hazards:

Abnormally high pressured zones with a bottomhole pressure of approximately 9500 psi could possibly be encountered. Sufficient barite will be on location to enable the weighting up to the estimated 12.8 ppg to control any high pressure zone encountered. Along with the above mentioned primary control, a Blow Out preventer System as outlined in Exhibit B will be utilized should the need arise to shut the well in prior to running and commenting the production liner. The estimated bottom hole temperature is 195°F and the estimated bottom hole pressure is 9500 psi. No Hydrogen Sulfide or other hazardous gases or fluids have been encountered, reported or are known to exist at this depth in this area. No major lost circulation zones have been reported in the offsetting wells.

10. Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:

Road and location work will not begin until approval has been received from the BLM. The anticipated spud date is March 30, 1994. Once spudded the drilling operation should be completed in approximately 70 days. If the well is productive, an additional 30 days will be required for completion and testing before permanent facilities are installed.

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EXHIBIT A OPERATIONS PLAN

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. CYGNET "4" FED. COM NO. 1
Section 4, T-22-S,R-32-E
Lea County, New Mexico

- 1. Drill a 17-1/2" hole to approximately 650'.
- 2. Run 13-3/8" 48.0 ppf H-40 ST&C casing. Cement with 650 sx Class "C" cement containing 2% CaCl₂. Run centralizers on every other joint above the shoe. Apply thread lock to bottom two joints and guide shoe.
- 3. Wait on cement twelve hours prior to cutting off.
- 4. Nipple up an annular BOP system and test casing to 600 psi. WOC twenty-four (24) hours prior to drilling out.
- 5. Drill a 12-1/4" hole to approximately 4800'.
- 6. Run 9-5/8" 40.0 ppf K-55 ST&C casing. Cement with 1800 sx Cl "C" Lite containing 12 pps salt and 1/4 pps celloflake followed by 500 sx Class "C" with 2% CaCl₂. Run guide shoe on bottom and float collar two joints from bottom. Centralize every other joint for bottom 400' of casing and place two centralizers in surface casing. Thread lock bottom 2 joints.
- 7. Wait on cement for twelve hours prior to cutting off.
- 8. Nipple up and install a Double Ram and Annular BOP system with choke manifold.
- 9. Test BOP system to 5000 psi. Test casing to 1500 psi.
- 10. Drill 8-3/4" hole to the first good lime section after drilling into the Wolfcamp, which is anticipated to be at approximately ±12000'. Run logs.
- 11. Run 5800' of 7" 26.0 ppf s-95 LT&C followed by 6200' of 7" 26.0 ppf P-110 LT&C casing set @ ±12000'. Cement with 1600 sx of C1 "H" 50/50 POZ mix with 6 pps salt & 0.3% Halad 322. Run guide shoe on bottom and float **No Variance collar two joints off bottom. Centralize bottom 1000' of casing with one is needed. The centralizer on every other joint. Thread lock bottom two joints. Our plan "tie-back" re— is to bring the top of cement to ±6000'. We request a variance waiver to juivement is onlythe BLM requirement to tie the cement back to the intermediate casing. We for the R-III-P think it is wise not to have a stage collar in the 7" casing string and we consider it prudent to have a possible pressure relief, should the 7" casing rupture, in a zone other than the Potash Section.
 - 12. Nipple down BOP. Set slips. Cut off casing. Nipple up 10000 psi BOP Stack. Test to 10000 psi.
 - 13. Test casing to 5000 psi.
 - 14. Drill 6-1/8" hole to 15200'. Log. Run and cement 4-1/2" 13.50 ppf S-95 LT&C liner from 11700'-15200'. Cement with 500 sx Cl "H" containing 0.6% Halad 22-A, 0.4% CFR-2, 0.6% Gas Stop, and 5 pps KCL. Lay down setting tool and RIH with a 6-1/8" bit to dress off the liner top. Perform negative test on liner top. If everything is secure, ND BOP and NU tree. Release drilling rig.

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EXHIBIT C

DRILLING FLUID PROGRAM

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. CYGNET "4" FED COM NO. 1 Section 4, T-22-S,R-32-E Lea County, New Mexico

0-650'

Spud mud consisting of fresh water gel flocculated with lime. Use ground paper for seepage control and to sweep the hole. MW-8.5 ppg, Vis-40.

650'-4800'

Drill out with brine water circulating the inner portion of the reserve pit. Utilize ground paper mixed in prehydrated fresh gel to sweep the hole. MW-10.0 ppg, Vis-28.

4800'-12000'

Drill out with fresh water circulating the outer portion of the reserve pit. Maintain PH at 8.5-9.5 with caustic and sweep the hole as necessary with ground paper. Keep mud weight as low as possible. MW-8.4/8.6 ppg and Vis-28.

12000'- 15200'

Drill out with brine containing MF-55, circulating the steel pits. At 13000' mud up existing brine with XCD polymer/Drispac Plus mud system to an initial mud weight of 11.6 ppg with a 38-40 VIS. Add barite as required to control formation pressures.

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EXHIBIT D AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. Cygnet "4" Fed Com No 1 Section 4, T-22-S,R-32-E Lea County, New Mexico

DRAWWORKS National 80~B

ENGINES National 3 Section Compound W/ 3 Caterpillar D379 diesel engines

ROTARY 27-1/3" National C-275

MAST/SUB Derrick Service International 142' jackknife. 25' high substructure

TRAVELLING National 545-G 350 ton hook and block. National P-400 ton swivel. EQUIPMENT

PUMPS Two National 8-P-80, 6-1/4" x 8-1/2" 800 HP triplex pumps charged by 6" x 8" centrifugal pump

PIT SYSTEM Three steel mud pits with lightning mixers. Two 6" x 8" centrifugal pumps each driven by a 75 HP electric motor

LIGHT Two 320 KW AC generators each powered by a turbocharged dissel engine PLANT

BOP 13-5/8" 5000 psi WP double ram and 13-5/8" 5000 psi WP Shaffer EQUIP Annular Preventer. Choke manifold rated at 5000 psi. Valvcon 5-

station 80 gallon closing unit

MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P.
CYGNET "4" FED COM NO. 1
SECTION 4, T-22-S,R-32-E
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of necessary surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effects associated with the operation.

EXISTING ROADS.

A. Exhibit E is a 15 minute topographic map which shows the location of the proposed wellsite and roads in the vicinity. The proposed location is situated approximately 24 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

DIRECTIONS:

1. From the intersection of State Hwy 128 & hwy 31, go east 17 miles and turn north on a blacktop road, go north 7.2 miles and turn right on a lease road, continue northeasterly for 14 miles to a SFEOP well in the SE/4 of section 9 T-22-S,R-32-E.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD.

- A. Upgrade existing two track road from the SE/4 Sec 9,T-22,S,R-32-E north into the SE/4 of sec 4 T-22-S,R-32-E.
- B. Build new road north ±1500' from two track road to location.
- 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS.
 - A. The well locations in the vicinity of the proposed well are shown in Exhibits E & F.
- 4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES.
 - A. There are no producing oil or gas well on this lease at this time.
 - B. In the event the well is productive, the necessary production equipment will be installed on the drilling pad. If the well is productive of oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used supply to the necessary power.

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5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY

It is planned to drill the well with both fresh water and brine water systems. Both types of waters will be hauled to the location by truck over existing roads. Both types will be obtained from commercial sources.

SOURCES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. 6.

Any caliche required for construction of the drilling pad will be obtained from a pit approved by the BLM.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL

- Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits. A.
- В. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
- Water produced during operations will be either placed in the reserve pits and allowed to evaporate or collected in tanks until c. hauled to an approved disposal system or a separate disposal application will be submitted to the BLM for appropriate approval.
- D. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- Ε. Human waste will be disposed of per current standards.
- Trash, waste paper, garbage, and junk will be collected in trash F. trailers and disposed of in an approved waste facility such as a land fill. The trash trailers will contain all material to prevent scattering by the wind.
- All trash and debris will be removed from the wellsite within 30 G. days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES 8.

None required A.

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT

Exhibit G shows the dimensions of the well pad and reserve pits, and the location of major rig components.

Multi-Point Surface Use and Operations Plan CYGNET "4" FED COM NO. 1 Page 3

- B. The ground surface of the location is located among several sand dunes with sparse vegetation growing on them. The location will be constructed by leveling the necessary dunes and covering the sand with at least six inches of compacted caliche.
- C. The reserve pits will be plastic lined.
- D. A 400' x 400' work area which will contain the pad and pit area has been staked and flagged.

10. PLAN FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE

- A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleared of all trash and junk, to leave the wellsite in an aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
- B. Unguarded pits, if any, containing fluid will be fenced until they have been filled.
- C. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Geological Survey will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled and levelled within 300 days after abandonment.

11. TOPOGRAPHY

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- A. The wellsite and access route are located in a relatively flat area.
- B. The top soil at the wellsite is sandy.
- C. The vegetation cover at the wellsite is moderately sparse with prairie grasses, some mesquite bushes, and shinnery oak.
- D. No wildlife was observed but it is likely that deer, rabbits, coyotes, and rodents traverse the area.
- E. There are no ponds, lakes, streams, or rivers within one mile of the wellsite.

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12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES

A. The field representatives responsible for assuring compliance with the approved surface use plan are:

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Division Operations Manager
Santa Fe Energy Operating
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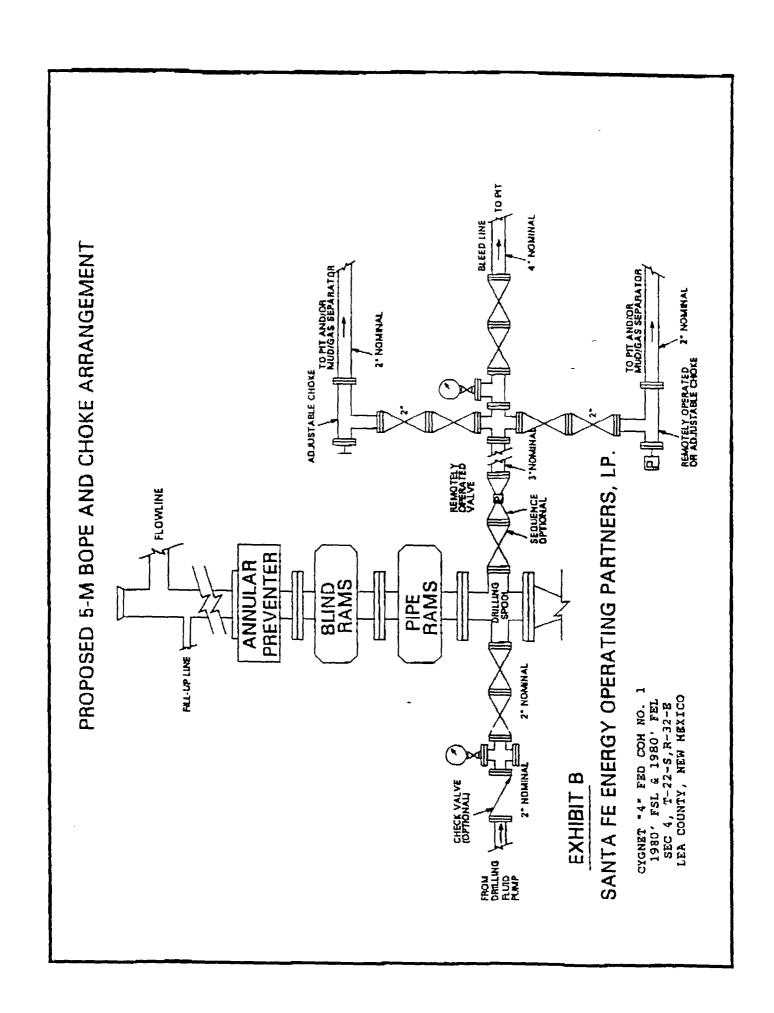
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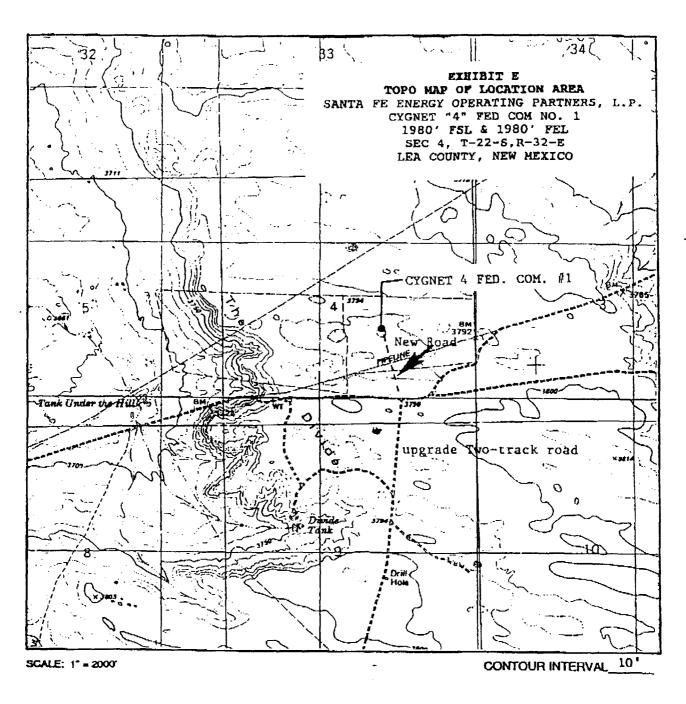
I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

SIGNED this 25th day of February, 1994.

Darrell Roberts

Senior Drilling Engineer





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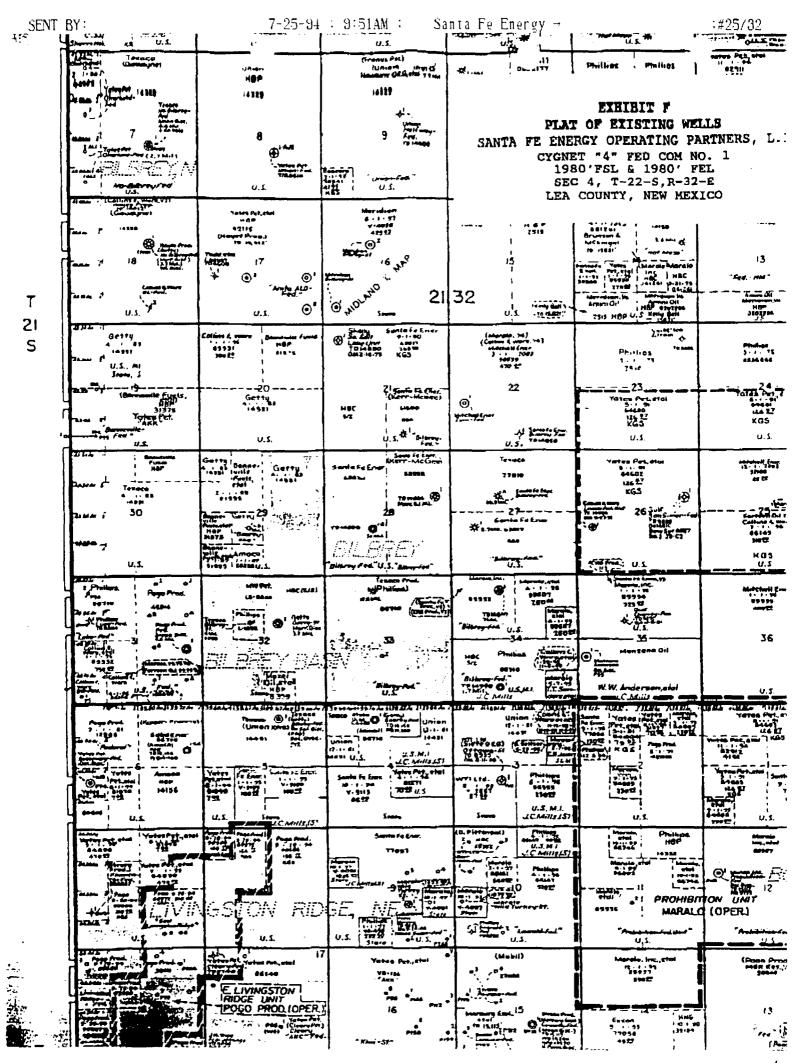
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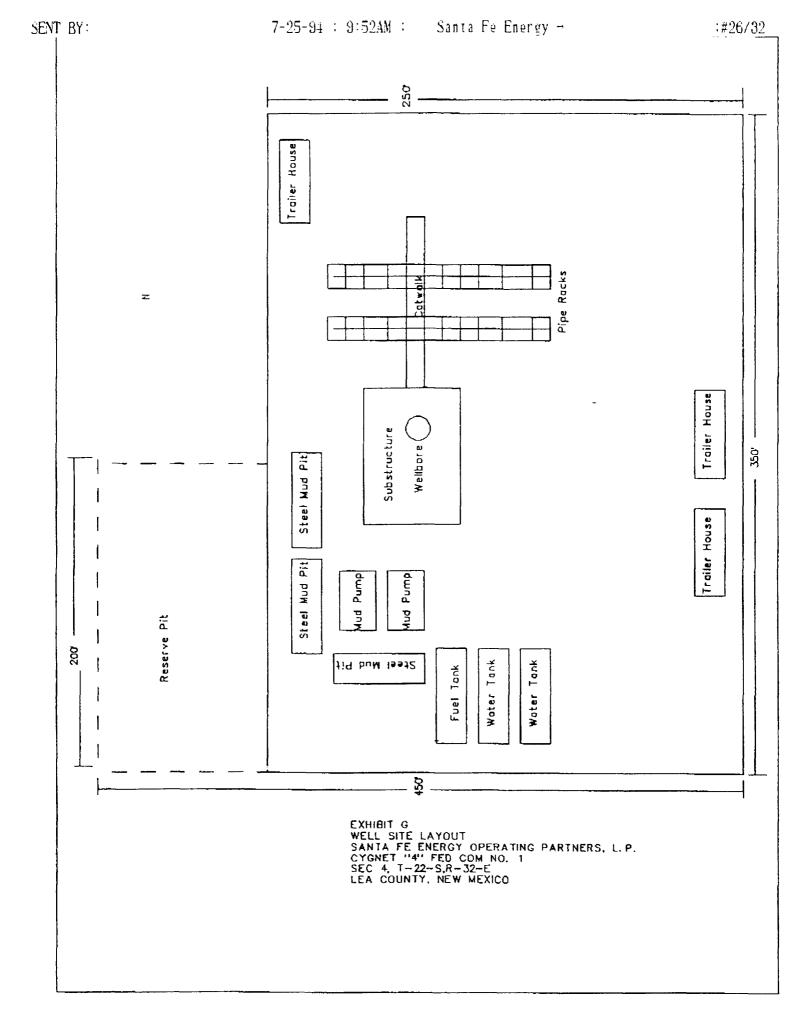
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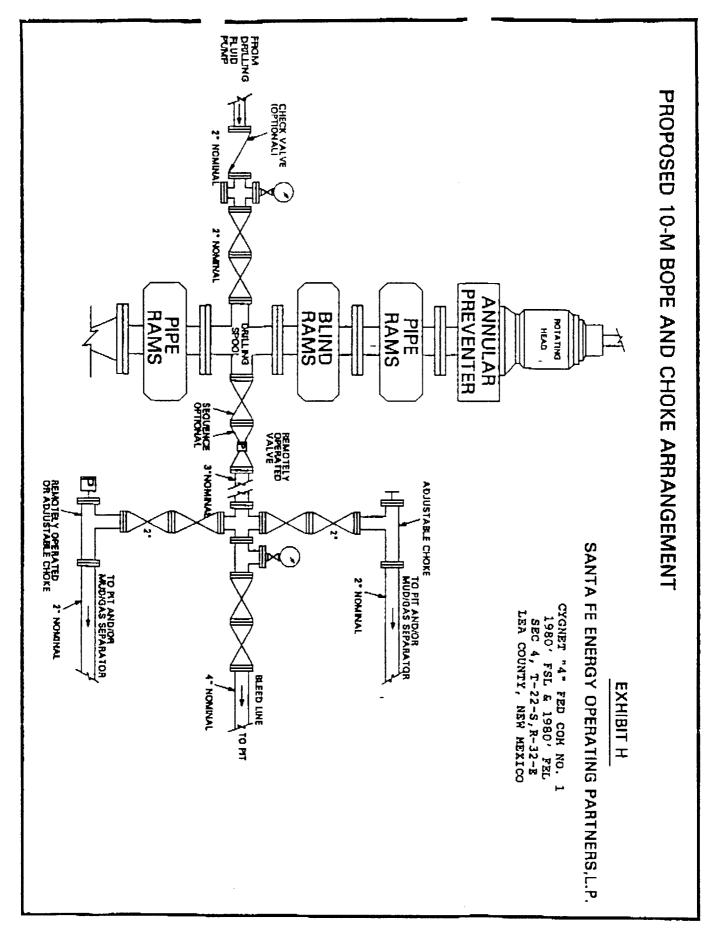
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED

Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135 Expires: March 31, 1993

Lease Designation and Serial No.

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Type or Well	
Well XX Well Other	8. Well Name and No.
2. Name of Operator	Cygnet "4" Fed. Com.
Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.	9. API Well No.
3. Address and Telephone No.	1
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give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depote (or all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)*

1. Santa Fe Energy Operating Parners, L.P. desires to move the proposed location from 1980'

FS & EL to 2310' FSL & 1800' FEL to avoid raptor's nest and a buffalo wallow, as requested

by Kathleen Boravek.

 We are agreeable to delay drilling the proposed well until the middle of July, to avoid possibly disturbing the raptor's nesting activity, as long as the federal lease is suspend

past the primary term.

- We are also submitting a revised Exhibit H, Proposed 10-M BOPE and Choke Arrangement. The revisions were made to conform more closely with Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.2. As you will notice the choke manifold configuration and the BOP Stack ratings do not exact conform to the specifications of Order No.2. Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. requests a variance to the subject specifications, with the understanding that any problem with well control will be, as always, the sole responsibility of the Operator, Santa Fe Energy. It is our opinion that our approach to well control is prudent, safe, and field practical; therefore we respectfully request the variance.
- Based on recent offset well information, a bottomhole pressure of 8860 psi. is expected to be encountered.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct Signed Daniel Poliuto	_{ride} Division Drilling Engineer	Date April 24,1994
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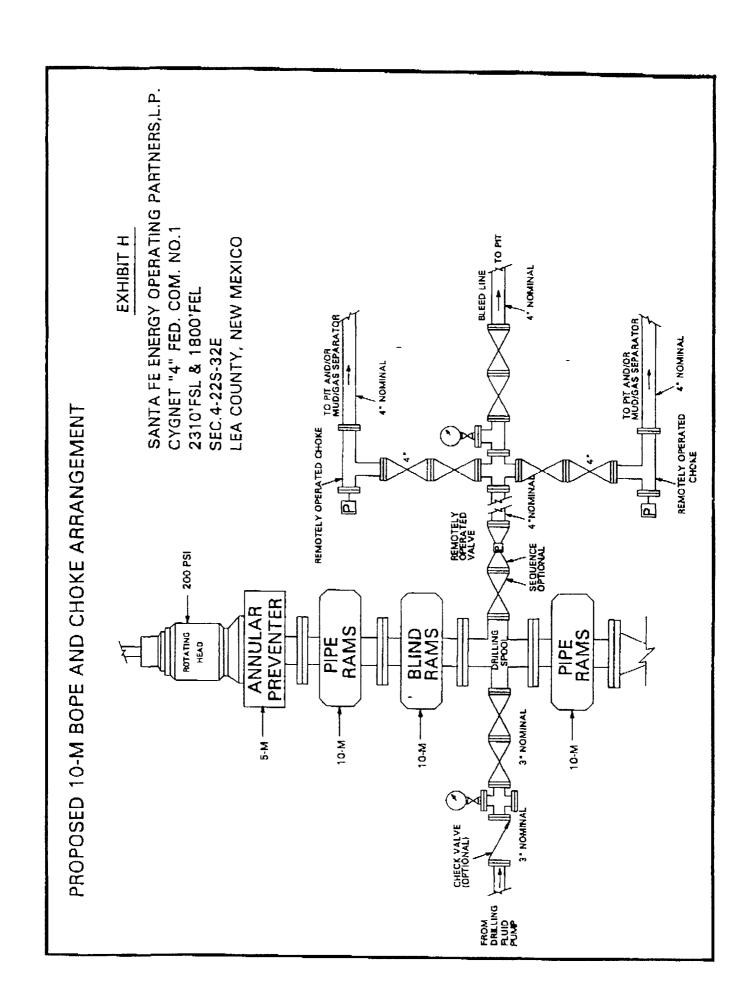
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7-25-94 : 9:54AM : Santa Fe Energy -

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.

Santo Fe Pacific Exploration Company Managing General Partner

June 15,1994

United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Land Office P. O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115

Attention: Steve Salsman

RE: APD - Cygnet "4" Fed. Com. No.1 Lease No. NMNM-81271 NW%SE% Sec. 4,T-22S, R-32E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Steve:

SENT BY:

Per our telephone conversation, I am enclosing data from two wells in the adjacent section offsetting the proposed well. The two wells are operated by Texaco and Santa Fe Energy has a working interest in both wells. The Bilbrey "33" Fed. No. 1 is located at 660' FNL & 1980' FWL, Sec. 33-215-32E and was drilled in 1990. The more recent well is the Bilbrey "33" Fed. No.2 located at 1980' FSL & 2310' FWL, Sec. 33-215-32E, This well was drilled at first of this year and I previously faxed you the drilling report from this well on May 27.

I am enclosing this data in an effort to convince you that granting the variance concerning the BOP Stack configuration, we requested on April 24, is prudent and justified. I have enclosed copies of the Bottomhole Pressure Buildup from the Bilbrey "33" Fed. No.1 dated June 5,1990; the 4-point test for the Bilbrey "33" Fed. No.2 (Form C-122); and a gas column pressure table I used to calculate the BHP in the Bilbrey No.2.

First of all I would like to illustrate how I calculated the bottomhole pressure of 8860 psi. listed on the previous Sundry Notice. Based on a midpoint of the perforated interval of the well (14,440') and the mud weight at which the well was logged and a liner set (11.8 ppg). I calculated the BHP as being 8860 psi. by the following formula, 0.052 X 11.8 X 14,440' = 8,860 psi. from the hydrostatic head of the drilling fluid in the hole.

The BHP build-up from the #1 well shows that after being shut-in for approximately 8 days the BHP at a depth of 14,270′ was 5,402 psi. The 4-point test from the Bilbrey "33" Fed. No.2 shows that being shut-in for 48 hours the tubing pressure was 4100 psi. It is my understanding that one of the less obvious reasons for shutting in a well for a long period of time prior to testing is to allow the surface pressure to build up and force the wellbore fluids back into the formation. This would yield a column of gas in the wellbore prior to the test to determine the well deliverability and bottomhole pressure. Based on the altached table the bottom hole pressure at a depth of 14,440′, a gas gravity of 0.60 and a surface pressure of 4,100 psi would yield the following, 4100 psi. (1 + 0.3495) = 5532.95 psi. A gas gradient of 0.0992 psi/ft.

Based on the above data a 5-M BOP stack is all that is warranted to drill wells in this immediate area. We still plan to utilize a 10-M BOP stack but would like the variance granted to allow the use of a 5-M annular BOP as illustrated in our Sundry Notice dated April 24,1994. For the reasons stated previously, we contend that our approach to well control is prudent, safe, and field practical. This identical approach was approved a couple of months ago by the BLM on a Bass Enterprises Morrow well in the Poker Lake Area. Bass Enterprises assumed all responsibility for potential well control problems (as we have) and their APD was approved.

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It is my opinion that this request is not unwarranted and this contiguration of BOP and Choke Manifold has been utilized in this area to successfully drill wells in this area and the rigs in the area have the equipment readily available at no extra cost. We should not be forced to adhere to rules drawn up to address an isolated well control problem in Rocky Mountain area where the pressures and potential problems are different set of circumstances.

This information is respectfully submitted in hopes that we will be granted the variance to the Onshore Order No.2

Sincerely,

Darrell Roberts

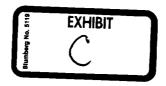
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XC: Shannon Shaw - BLM - Carlsbad Area Office

Enclosures

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Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.

Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company Managing General Partner

July 19,1994

Mr. Michael E. Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division State Land Office P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Unorthodox Location Cygnet "4" Federal Com. No.1 NMNM-81271 2310' FSL & 1800' FEL, Sec.4-22S-32E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

In regard to our application for administrative approval of the captioned unorthodox location, the following is a summary of the sequence of events that require us to drill at this location.

- February 2,1994, John West Engineering staked the well at our preferred location of 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL of Section 4,T-22S, R-32E, Lea County, New Mexico.
- February 25,1994, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. submitted our APD for the captioned well to the BLM in Carlsbad, N.M.
- March 17,1994, I received a phone call from Kathleen Boravek, Resource Specialist with the BLM, requesting that the location of the proposed well be moved. Upon performing an onsite inspection of our proposed location, she determined that our location was too close to a Playa / Buffalo Wallow and in addition there was a raptors nest in one of the mesquite trees surrounding the Playa. Since playas are related to Cave & Karst Activity, she requested that we move our proposed location north and east to 2310' FSL & 1800' FEL in order to avoid the playa. We also agreed to delay construction activity until after July 15, 1994 to avoid disturbing the raptors.
- March 21,1994, John West Engineering staked the well at 2310' FSL & 1800' FEL.
- April 24,1994, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. submitted a Sundry Notice with a new C-102 specifying the unorthodox location as requested.
- June 23,1994, New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management approved our APD.

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I trust this is sufficient data to support our request for an unorthodox location. If you should require further documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 915-686-6614.

Sincerely,

Darrell Roberts

Division Drilling Engineer

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cc: Mr. Curtis Smith (SFEOP Land Dept.)

Mr. James Bruce Hinkle Law Firm Santa Fe, New Mexico FAX 505-982-8623



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Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners. L.P. 550 West Texas, Suite 1330 Midland, TX 79701

Re: Well No.1-Cygnet "4" Fed Com Lease No. NMNM-81271 NW4SE4 sec. 4, T. 22 S., R. 32 E.

Lea County, New Mexico

and expires on March 31, 1994.

Gentlemen: Your letter dated February 28, 1994, and received on March 1, 1994, requested a suspension of operations for lease NMNM 81271, which is in its primary term

An Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the referenced well was submitted on February 25, 1994, with the Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Resource Area office. The APD is currently being processed.

Because of unresolved surface resource conflicts encountered during the on-site inspection by our resource specialist, there will be a delay in processing the APD. Therefore, the APD cannot be processed prior to the expiration date of the referenced lease.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of 43 CFR 3103.4-2, the request for suspension and production is hereby approved. The suspension is effective March 1, 1994, the first day of the month in which the request for suspension was filed.

The suspension of operations and production shall terminate:

- (a) On the first day of the month in which the operator is notified in writing that the APD is denied;
- (b) On the first day of the month in which actual operations are commenced after the APD has been approved; or
- (c) If operations are not commenced within thirty (30) days from the date the APD is approved, the suspension will terminate on the first day of the following month after the 30-day period.

When the suspension lifts, there will be thirty-one (31) days left on the primary term of the lease. Since this approval is for suspension of operations and production, all rental and/or royalties will be waived during the period of suspension.



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Please contact Armando Lopez at (505)627-0248 if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Jony L. Lerguson

Tony L. Ferguson Assistant District Manager

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY PERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

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

James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
 - 2. I am an attorney for Applicant herein.
- 3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the Application herein.
- 4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owners in writing at their correct addresses by certified mail. A copy of the notice letter is attached hereto.

5. The notice provisions of Rule 104(f) have been complied with.

James Bruce

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 254 day of July, 1994, by James Bruce.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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July 28, 1994

TO: PERSONS ON EXHIBIT 1:

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. has filed an application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for administrative approval of an unorthodox gas well location for Santa Fe's proposed Cygnet 4 Fed. Com. No. 1 Well, located 2310 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The well will be drilled to test the Morrow formation, and the S1 of Section 4 will be dedicated to the Well. If you have any objection to the granting of the unorthodox well location, please notify Michael E. Stogner at the Oil Conservation Division, Post Office Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504 within fifteen days of receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

Attorneys for Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.

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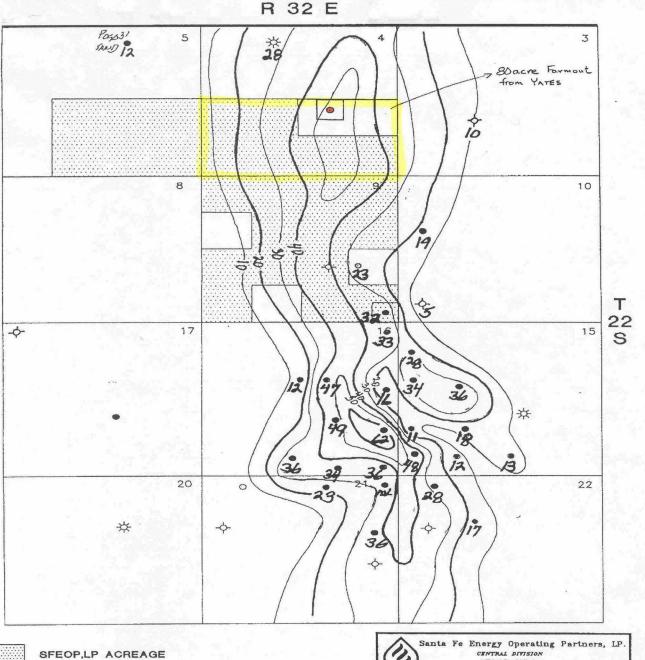
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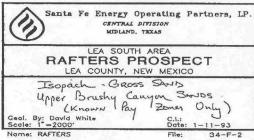
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