

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY )  
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE )  
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING: )

CASE NO. 11,738

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM )  
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, )  
DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND UNORTHODOX )  
LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO )

ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner

April 3rd, 1997

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, April 3rd, 1997, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

## FOR THE DIVISION:

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Attorney at Law  
Legal Counsel to the Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

## FOR THE APPLICANT:

CAMPBELL, CARR, BERGE and SHERIDAN, P.A.  
Suite 1 - 110 N. Guadalupe  
P.O. Box 2208  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208  
By: WILLIAM F. CARR

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1           WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at  
2           8:25 a.m.:

3           EXAMINER STOGNER: This hearing will come to  
4           order. Please note, I'm Michael Stogner, appointed Hearing  
5           Examiner for today's cases. Today's date is April 3rd,  
6           1997.

7           First issue I will take and call at this time  
8           Case Number 11,738.

9           MR. CARROLL: Application of Yates Petroleum  
10          Corporation for compulsory pooling, directional drilling  
11          and unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico.

12          EXAMINER STOGNER: Call for appearances.

13          MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, my name is  
14          William F. Carr with the Santa Fe law firm Campbell, Carr,  
15          Berge and Sheridan. We represent Yates Petroleum  
16          Corporation in this matter.

17          As the Examiner will recall, the case was  
18          presented four weeks ago today, and at that time there were  
19          representations that three parties -- Harle, Inc., Mr.  
20          Larry Hunnicutt and Marathon Oil Company -- had agreed to  
21          either participate or be pooled, but there was nothing in  
22          writing to evidence that. The Examiner requested that  
23          those individuals be contacted, and I have today and can  
24          present waiver letters from each of those parties.

25          EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay, you said there were four

1 parties or three?

2 MR. CARR: Three: Harle, Hunnicutt and Marathon.

3 EXAMINER STOGNER: -- Marathon, all right.

4 MR. CARR: And I have waiver letters that I can  
5 present from each of those, waiving objection to the  
6 Application. And with that, we would request that this  
7 matter be taken under advisement.

8 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay. So it appears that the  
9 Hunnicutt has elected to participate, and Marathon wishes  
10 just to go under the compulsory pooling, and it looks like  
11 the Harle interest has agreed; is that correct?

12 MR. CARR: Yes, sir, that's correct.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: So it is my understanding at  
14 this time that Marathon will be one -- Is it the only one,  
15 or are there other parties that --

16 MR. CARR: There were other parties subject to  
17 the pooling, but these are the parties that there was no  
18 written evidence of negotiations.

19 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay. If there's nothing  
20 further in Case 11,738, then this matter will be taken  
21 under advisement.

22 Thank you, Mr. Carr.

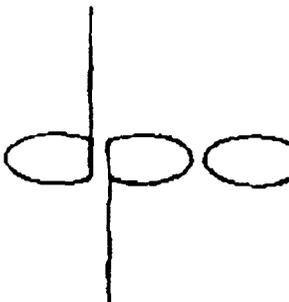
23 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at  
24 8:27 a.m.)

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MAR-13-1997 10:43 FROM PXC LDM



Post-It Fax Note	7871	Date	3/13/97	# of pages	1
To	Bill Owen	From	Dave Harle		
Co./Dept.		Co.			
Phone #		Phone #			
Fax #	505-623-1801	Fax #			

March 13, 1997

VIA FAX TRANSMITTAL  
503-245-0825

Harle, Inc.  
1504 Hess Creek Court  
Newberg, OR 97132

Attention: Dave Harle, President

Re: Shell Lusk ANB #1  
T-16-S, R-35-E, NMPM  
Section 11: E/2NW/4, SW/4NW/4  
Lea County, New Mexico  
Net Acres: .1625

Dear Dave:

As you recall, we contacted you last summer pertaining to your referenced mineral interest. At that time and in subsequent conversations, you indicated you would either join in the drilling of a well or give us a short-term lease covering your mineral interest.

We recently had our hearing before the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe for pooling and a possible unorthodox location. An AFE for the drilling of the Shell Lusk ANB #1 well was sent to you when you were notified about the hearing. In a effort to finalize your election, please indicate below whether you wish to join in the drilling of the well or lease your interest.

Please forward one copy of this letter to us at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Bill Owen  
Land Manager

X I hereby elect to participate in the drilling of the Shell Lusk ANB #1 well. My interest in the well will be .05%.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby elect to lease my .1625 mineral acre interest.

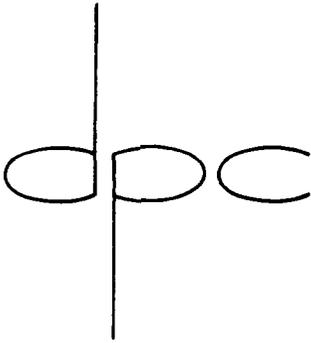
HARLE, INC.

By   
Dave Harle, President

Date: 3-13-97

cc: Bill Carr  
Michael Stogner

DAVID PETROLEUM CORP.  
EDWARD N. DAVID, VICE PRESIDENT  
Professional Landman  
Off. 505/622-0050  
Fax. 505/623-1801  
Res. 505/624-0550  
116 West First  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201



March 13, 1997

Mr. Larry Hunnicutt  
200 West First Street, Suite 200  
Roswell, NM 88201

Re: Shell Lusk ANB #1  
T-16-S, R-35-E, NMPM  
Section 11: E/2NW/4, SW/4NW/4  
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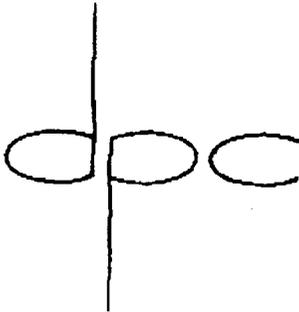
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Larry Hunnicutt

Date: 3-13-97

cc: Bill Carr  
Michael Stogner

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CAMPBELL, CARR, et. al.

March 20, 1997

VIA FAX TRANSMITTAL  
915-687-8883

Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
Midland, TX 79702

Attention: Joe Rusnak

Re: Verlon Hilburn Interest  
T-16-S, R-35-E, NMPM  
Section 11: NW/4NW/4  
Lea County, New Mexico  
Net acres: 4

Dear Joe:

Pursuant to my recent conversations with Mr. Clay Johnson and you, I am writing pertaining to the referenced interest.

As was discussed, Mr. Johnson advised me several days ago that he acquired the Hilburn interest on behalf of Marathon Oil Company. You are aware that we have proposed the drilling of a Morrow test well and had a hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) in Santa Fe on March 6, 1997. The hearing was to ask for a possible unorthodox location and to force pool several small interests, including your leasehold ownership of the referenced mineral interest.

Pursuant to our conversation, enclosed is an AFE for the drilling of our proposed Shell Lusk ANB #1. Although we were only made aware on March 18, 1997 that Marathon owned the interest, we would like to advise NMOCD as soon as possible of the decision Marathon wishes to make pertaining to its interest.

Therefore, would you please indicate below your election and return one copy of this letter at your earliest convenience.

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MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
MCR LAND DEPARTMENT

DAVID PETROLEUM CORP.  
EDWARD N. DAVID, VICE PRESIDENT  
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Marathon Oil Company  
March 20, 1997  
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Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,

  
Bill Owen  
Land Manager

X

We hereby elect to participate in the drilling of the Shell Lusk ANB #1 well. Our interest in the well will be 1.25%.

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We hereby elect to sell our leasehold interest.

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We hereby elect to allow our leasehold interest to be force pooled.

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

BY Joseph J Madron

DATE: March 26, 1997

cc: Michael Stogner  
Bill Carr