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Mark Ashley
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 12538 (Application of Ricks Exploration, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Ashley:

Enclosed is the affidavit of publication, regarding notice to the unlocatable interest owners.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ricks
Exploration, Inc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

November 3 & 10 2000

To: Janet Leigh Montoya and Jo Nell Ingram, or their heirs or devisees: Ricks Exploration, Inc. has applied to the Oil Conservation Division for the creation of the North Trinity-Devonian Pool, to initially cover the SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of Special Rules and Regulations for the pool, including 160-acre spacing and special well location requirements. The proposed pool is centered approximately 14 miles east of Tatum, New Mexico.
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