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Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director
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New Mexico Department of Energy
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P.O. Box 2088
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Re: Application of William G. Ross

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed herewith, in triplicate, is the application of William G. Ross for approval of the South Lea Unit Agreement, embracing 1,753.04 acres of land, more or less, in Lea County, New Mexico. Mr. Ross requests that this matter be set for the Examiner's Hearing to be held on August 30, 1978.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

WFC/ss

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF NEW MEXICO

AUG 15 1961

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WILLIAM G. ROSS FOR APPROVAL
OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

CASE 299

APPLICATION

Comes now William G. Ross, by his undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application for an order approving its South Lea Unit Agreement and in support of this application would show the Commission:

1. That the proposed Unit Agreement consists of 1,753.04 acres, more or less, situated in Lea County, New Mexico, all of which is state land. The horizontal limits of said unit are described as follows:

Township 21 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.
Section 5: Lots 9 through 16; S/3
Section 6: Lots 9, 10, 15 through 18;
E/2 SW/4; SE/4
Section 7: Lots 1, 2; E/2 NW/4; NE/4
Section 8: N/2

2. That all owners of interest within the Unit Area have been or will be offered the opportunity to join the Unit Agreement.

3. That the Unit Agreement has been approved by most of the working interest owners holding interests within the proposed Unit Area. It is expected that by the date which will be set for hearing on this application the Unit Agreement will have been executed by all, or substantially all, of the owners of working interest, overriding royalty interest and other interests in the land included within the Unit Area.

4. That the applicant, William G. Ross, is designated as Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and all oil and gas in any and all formations down through the Devonian formation are being unitized.

5. That the Unit Area has been designated by the United States

geological Survey as an area logically subject to unitization pursuant to the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act as amended.

6. That the Unit Agreement has been approved as to form and content by the State Land Office.

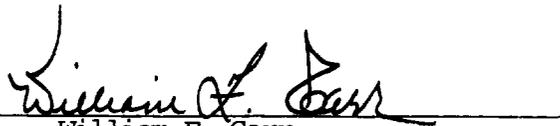
7. That, in the opinion of the applicant, the proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structures or anomaly involved; and in the event said Unit Agreement is approved and production of unitized substances is obtained, it is believed that said Unit Agreement will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and that it will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

William G. Ross requests that this Application be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 30, 1978, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the South Lea Unit Agreement be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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By



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