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Grace Petroleum Corporation Subsidiary of W. R. Grace & Co.

Broadway Executive Park 6501 North Broadway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116-8298 Phone (405) 840-6600 FAX--(405) 840-6887

April 4, 1991

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS (See Addressee List Attached)

Re: Smith Ranch Federal #1-3

Section 3-T20S-R33E

Teas Prospect

Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Grace Petroleum Corporation proposes the drilling of a 9,400 foot Bone Springs well to be located 330' FSL and 330' FEL of Section 3-20S-33E, Lea County, New Mexico. The drilling and spacing unit for said well will be the SE/4 SE/4. The drilling costs for the well are estimated to be \$602,550.00 for a dry hole and \$1,058,450.00 for a completed producer.

If you elect to participate in the drilling of the proposed well, please so indicate by signing both of the enclosed Authority for Expenditure forms and returning one (1) original to my attention. An Operating Agreement governing operations of the well will be submitted for your review upon receipt of your executed AFE.

In the event you do not wish to participate in the drilling of said well, Grace Petroleum requests a farmout of your acreage in the proposed drilling unit delivering a 75% net revenue interest before payout with the option, at payout, to convert your retained overriding royalty interest to a 25% back-in.

It is our intent to spud the Smith Ranch Federal #1-3 by June 15, 1991, therefore, your earliest consideration to our proposal will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Randy Upchurch Land Consultant

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cc: Carrie Askins Dan Scott Paul Basinski

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ADDRESSEE LIST

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Southern Union Exploration Company Attn: Sue Coley 1201 Elm Street, Suite 1800 DALLAS, TX 75270	6.389%
Meridian Oil Production, Inc. Midland Region 12 Desta Drive MIDLAND, TX 79705	18.611%
Grace Petroleum Corporation	75.000%

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June 21, 1991

Southern Union Exploration Company 1201 Elm Street #1800 Dallas, Texas 75270

Attention: Craig Neilson

Re: Compulsory Pooling
June 27, 1991
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation
Division Case #10336

Gentlemen:

Confirming our recent phone conversations, it is our understanding that we will be unable to receive your election to join with your interest in the drilling of the Smith Ranch Federal No. 3 in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 3-20S-33E, nor will you be able to elect to farmout your interest to Grace Petroleum Corporation prior to our scheduled compulsory hearing date of June 27th, 1991.

In the event Management is able to elect one of the options offered by our proposal of April 4th, 1991 prior to the June 27th hearing, please promptly notify me so that said hearing can be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

Randy Upchurch Land Consultant

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cc: Jim Bruce

Hinkle Law Firm

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