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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
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Mr. Michael Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation
Division
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: ~~Application of Richmond Petroleum Inc. for Unorthodox~~
~~Well Locations? (a) Case No. 9745, N $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 9, 32~~
~~North - 6 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, and (b)~~
Case No. 9744, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 10, 32 North - 6 West, San
Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Richmond Petroleum Inc. has selected locations for its
proposed wells. ~~In case no. 9745, Richmond Petroleum Inc.~~
~~proposes to re-enter a well which has a surface location of~~
~~1730 feet from the North line and 100 feet from the West line~~
~~of Section 9. The well was re-entered at a location~~
~~entered the top of the Pictured Cliffs formation at a~~
~~location 1402 feet from the North line and 631 feet from the~~
~~West line of Section 9. In case no. 9744, the well will be~~
located 1450 feet from the North line and 1815 feet from the
West line of Section 10.

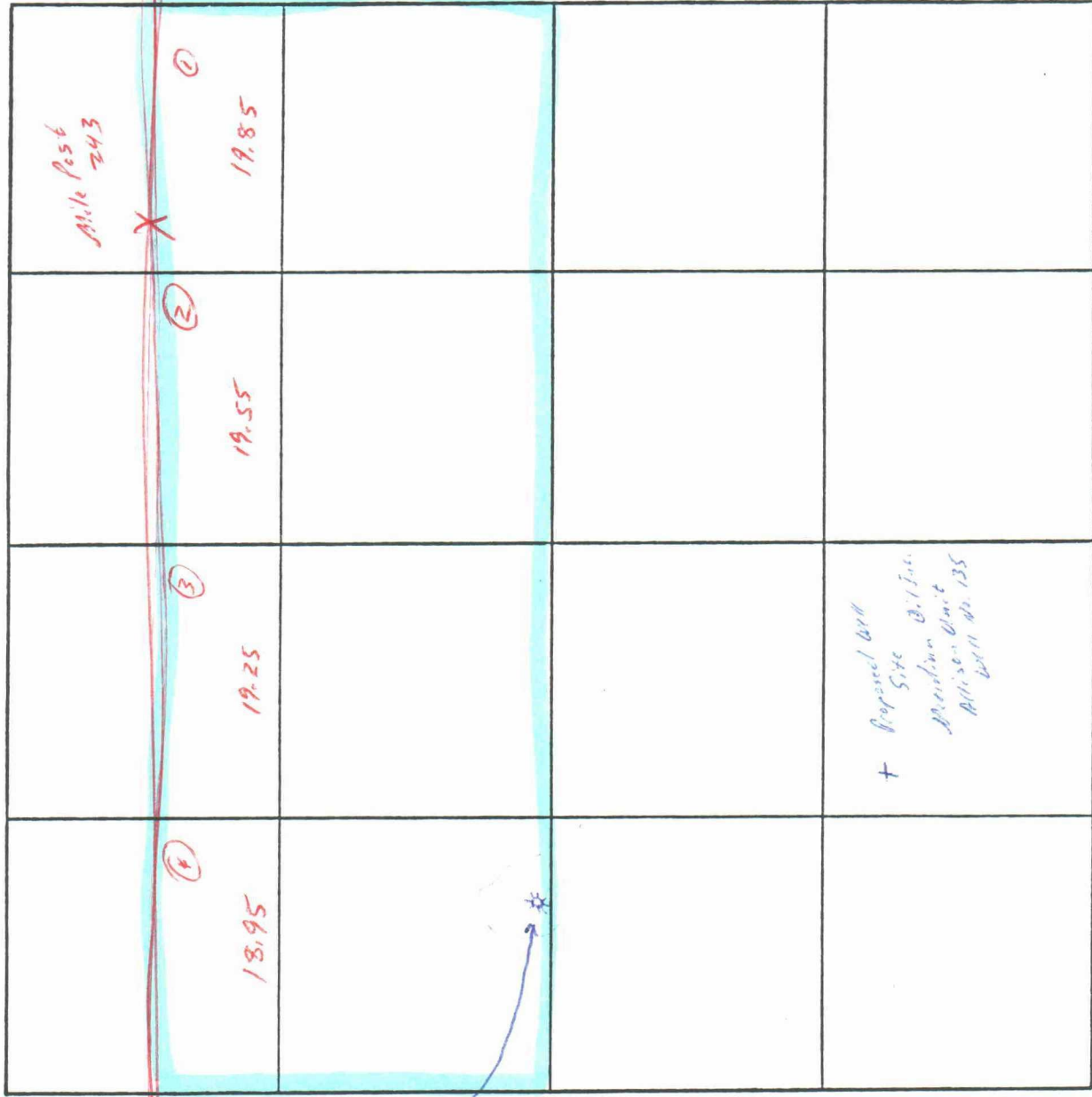
Very truly yours,

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James Bruce
By: James Bruce

JB:le

cc: Meridian Oil Inc. (Certified Mail)
Bureau of Land Management (Certified Mail)
Owen Lopez
N. Thomas Kellahin



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Sovereign Oil Company
 Monje Lake 32-6 well
 No 1
 1730' FM2 - 900' from
 Spud: 11/21/83
 Pickard Cliffs Completion

+ Proposed Well
 Site
 B/L Jan.
 Resolution Unit
 Allison Unit 135
 Well No. 135

237.60 acres
 74.2570

SECTION 9

TOWNSHIP 32 North

RANGE

6 West

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
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Case 9745

Ms. Florene Davidson
New Mexico Oil Conservation
Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Room 206
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies each of three separate applications by Richmond-Hogue Oil & Gas Partnership. Please set these matters for hearing on August 23, 1989.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

By: *James Bruce*
James Bruce

JB:le
Enclosures

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF RICHMOND-HOGUE)
OIL & GAS PARTNERSHIP FOR)
COMPULSORY POOLING, A NON-)
STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION)
UNIT, AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS)
WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY,)
COUNTY NEW MEXICO.)

Case No. 9745

APPLICATION

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1. Applicant has the right to drill a well in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Section 9.
2. The N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9 is comprised of Lots 1-4 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, comprising 237.60 acres, more or less.
3. Applicant proposes to drill a well in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9 to a depth sufficient to test the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, and seeks to dedicate the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9 to the well.
4. Applicant has in good faith sought to join all other mineral interest owners in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9 for the purposes set forth herein.
5. Although Applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise

commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have refused to join in dedicating their acreage. Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, pursuant to N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17 (1987 Repl.).

6. Applicant requests the Division to consider the cost of drilling and completing the well, the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision. Applicant requests that it be designated as operator of the well and that the Division set a penalty of 200% for the risk involved in drilling the well.

7. Applicant requests approval to form a 237.60 acre non-standard spacing and proration unit, which is necessary due to a variation in the United States Public Land Survey.

8. Rule 7 of Order No. R-8768, regarding the subject pool, requires the first well in each section to be completed in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ or SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of each section. Applicant plans to drill a coal gas well in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, with the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9 dedicated to that well. Due to topographical conditions (the presence of Navajo Lake covering the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9), applicant cannot drill in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 and requests permission to drill and complete a well for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ unit in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9.

9. The pooling of all interests underlying the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, as described above, the formation of a

non-standard spacing and proration unit, and approval of the unorthodox well location, will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

10. Applicant requests that this matter be heard at the August 23, 1989 Examiner hearing.

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By James Bruce

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Attorneys for Applicant

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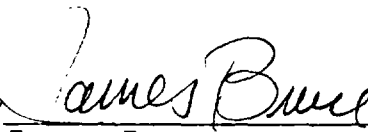
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Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 2068
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: CASE NO. 9745
ORDER NO. R-9033

Applicant:
Richmond Petroleum Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Florene Davidson

FLORENE DAVIDSON
OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD X
Artesia OCD X
Aztec OCD X

Other Thomas Kellahin

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December 11, 1989

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Mr. James L. Adams
Executive Vice-President
Richmond Petroleum Inc.
2651 N. Harwood, Suite 360
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Adams:

Based upon your letter of December 4, 1989, in which you list the drilling restrictions imposed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation until April 1, 1990, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-9033, Richmond Petroleum Inc. is hereby granted an extension of time in which to begin the well on the unit pooled by said order until May 1, 1990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Lemay".

WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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cc: Case 9745
Frank Chavez

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A Subsidiary of Richmond Oil & Gas Plc

December 4, 1989

Mr. William J. Lemay, Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: Request for Extension
Richmond Petroleum Inc.
Case No. 9745
Order No. R-9033

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Please accept this letter as our formal request for an extension to commence drilling operations as provided for in Order No. R-9033 issued by the Oil Conservation Commission effective November 3, 1989.

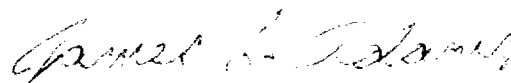
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Mr. William J. Lemay
December 4, 1989
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Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.
If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me
at 214-720-7730.

Very truly yours,

RICHMOND PETROLEUM INC.



James L. Adams
Executive Vice-President

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cc: Michael E. Stogner



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May 1, 1990

Mr. James L Adams
Executive Vice-President
Richmond Petroleum Inc.
2651 North Harwood Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Adams:

Based upon your letter of April 30, 1990, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-9033, Richmond Petroleum Inc. is hereby granted an additional extension of time in which to begin the well on the unit pooled by said order until May 27, 1990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. LeMay".

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/sl

cc: Case No. 9745
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

April 30, 1990

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office Building
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Richmond Petroleum Inc.
Case No. 9745
Order No. R-9033

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Please accept this letter as our formal request for an extension to commence drilling operations as provided for in Order No. R-9033 issued by the Oil Conservation Commission effective November 3, 1989, and as extended (to May 1, 1990) by your letter dated December 11, 1989.

Richmond Petroleum has completed all the necessary steps to commence the drilling of the well. However, we have unfortunately been delayed by the immediate unavailability of the type of reserve pit liner that has been required by the Bureau of Reclamation. We have been informed that it will take another 12-13 days for the liner to be delivered. We will have the location work begun by the May 1 deadline, but the drilling operations must wait until the pit liner is installed. Thus, Richmond Petroleum Inc. would hereby respectfully request that the commission grant us an extension of time until May 27, 1990 in order to commence drilling operations on the subject well. The May 27 date is the date that the APD expires on the subject well.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at 214-720-7730.

Very truly yours,

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James L. Adams

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WELL FILE

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Director

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5A. Indicate Type of Lease
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5. State Oil & Gas Lease No. **N/A**

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. Type of Work
b. Type of Well DRILL DEEPEN PLUG BACK
OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONE

2. Name of Operator **Richmond Petroleum Inc.** (214) 720-7730

3. Address of Operator **2651 North Harwood, Suite 360, Dallas, Tx. 75201**

4. Location of Well UNIT LETTER **A** LOCATED **510** FEET FROM THE **North** LINE AND **210** FEET FROM THE **East** LINE OF SEC. **9** TWP. **32 n** RGE. **6 w** NMPM

7. Unit Agreement Name **N/A**

8. Farm or Lease Name **Federal 32-6-9**

9. Well No. **#1**

10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat **Basin-Fruit, Coal Gas**

12. County **San Juan**

19. Proposed Depth **2,900' 285'** 19A. Formation **Fruitland** 20. Rotary or C.T. **Rotary**

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, RT, etc.) **6,110' GL** 21A. Kind & Status Plug. Bond **Statewide** 21B. Drilling Contractor **Not Yet Known** 22. Approx. Date Work will start **April 1, 1990**

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	SACKS OF CEMENT	EST. TOP
12-1/4"	9-5/8"	36 (J-55)	240'	130	GL
8-3/4"	7"	20 (K-55)	2,500'	330	GL
6-1/4"	5-1/2"	23 (N-80)	2,130'	70	2,470'
or	4-1/2"	11.6 (K-55)	2,850'	70	2,470'

APPROVAL EXPIRES 5-27-90
UNLESS DRILLING IS COMMENCED.
SPUD NOTICE MUST BE SUBMITTED
WITHIN 10 DAYS.

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DIST. 3

ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM; IF PROPOSAL IS TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK, GIVE DATA ON PRESENT PRODUCTIVE ZONE AND PROPOSED NEW PRODUCTIVE ZONE. GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed Rian Noel Title **Consultant** Date **11-17-89**

(This space for State Use)

APPROVED BY Francis B. ... TITLE **DEPUTY OIL ...** DATE **NOV 27 1989**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Order No. R-9033

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