CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO DOYLE HARTMAN - A. L. CHRISTMAS NO. 1 UNORTHODOX LOCATION APPLICATION

990' FNL and 460' FWL (D) Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico

- 1. Doyle Hartman's July 27, 1989 letter to New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division pertaining to 148-acre Non-Standard Eumont Proration Unit Application and corresponding Unorthodox Eumont (Gas) Location Application.
- 2. Doyle Hartman's August 10, 1989 letter to Marathon Oil Company responding to telephone call from Marathon about Hartman's A. L. Christmas No. 1 Unorthodox Location Application.
- 3. Marathon's letter dated August 16, 1989 to New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division officially opposing Hartman's A. L. Christmas Unorthodox Location Application.
- 4. Doyle Hartman's letter of August 30, 1989 to New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division exploring an expedited administrative approval of a Eumont location consisting of 990' FNL and 610 FWL Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E.
- 5. Marathon's September 6, 1989 letter to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division responding to Hartman's letter to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division of August 30, 1989.

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July 27, 1989

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Mr. Victor T. Lyons State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

BEFORE EXAMINER CATANACH
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXHIBIT NO.
ASE NO.

Re:

A. L. Christmas No. 1 W/2 W/2 Section 18 T-22-S. R-37-E

Lea County, New Mexico (148-acre proration unit)

- 1. Non-Standard Proration Unit
- 2. Unorthodox Location
- 3. Notice of Section 103 Infill Application

Gentlemen:

We are in the process of filing Forms C-101 and C-102 with the Oil Conservation Division District I Office for permission to drill our newly proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well as an infill Eumont (Gas) well at a non-standard Eumont (Gas) location consisting of 990' FNL & 460' FWL (D), Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

We hereby request administrative approval for reactivation of the previously approved 148-acre Eumont (gas) non-standard proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico, which was previously dedicated to Gulf Oil Company's now abandoned A. L. Christmas "C" No. 5, situated in L-18-22S-37E, and which will now be dedicated to the proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well (D-18-22S-37E). The existing 148-acre non-standard proration unit was dedicated to the A. L. Christmas "C" No. 5 after a Commission hearing in 1956 by OCD Order NSP-341.

We are also requesting approval of an unorthodox Eumont (gas) location consisting of 990' FNL & 460' FWL (D) because of the existence of various surface obstructions as discussed in detail below:

1. The 148-acre non-standard proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18 contains four (4) contiguous lots instead of four (4) contiguous 40-acre tracts and therefore, the width of the existing proration unit is 1220' instead of the standard 1320' for a full 40-acre square.

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In light of the rectangular shape of the existing proration unit and the fact that the width of the proration unit is only 1220' wide, it is therefore impossible to simultaneously drill a well 660' from both the east and west lease lines of the proration unit.

- 2. Each of the lots comprising the W/2 W/2 Section 18 contains two (2) previously existing wellbores (some of which are currently producing and several of which are now abandoned, but nevertheless restricting the number of locations available for a new well).
- 3. A high voltage power line located approximately 600' FWL of Section 18 runs essentially north and south through the center of the W/2 W/2 Section 18. The high voltage power line (and the safety aspects associated therewith) becomes a major hindrance to placing a well along the center-line of the subject proration unit. Chevron (Gulf), in the past and apparently in the interest of safety, has placed its A. L. Christmas "C" wells approximately 150' away from the power line.
- 4. Texaco has a pipeline that crosses Unit D diagonally from northwest to southeast and essentially crosses over the location consisting of 990' FNL and 800' FWL of Section 18. Furthermore, Shell also has a pipeline that crosses Unit D from southwest to northeast approximately 100' northwest of our proposed infill location.

Due to a combination of the geometry of the existing 148-acre proration unit, (including a width of only 1220'), the existence of numerous wellbores, a high-voltage power line, the necessary drilling rig layout, and the proximity to two pipelines, the proposed location of 990' FNL & 460' FWL Section 18 appears to be a safe and reasonable location for the proposed infill well.

Furthermore, if the proposed well is completed as a commercial producer and in compliance with any currently applicable requirements of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, an application if required will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to obtain administrative approval for the well as a Section 103 infill well.

Three copies of a color-coded land map outlining the previously approved 148-acre Eumont (Gas) proration unit (NSP-341) as well as the proposed location of our A. L. Christmas No. 1 infill well are enclosed for your review. Supplementing the enclosed color-coded land plat is a companion table describing by tract number and color all Eumont (gas) proration units (including the operators of the Eumont gas rights) that offset the proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 infill well. Also included on the companion table are Marathon's McDonald State A/C 2 No. 11 (A-13-22S-36E) and No. 26 (J-13-22S-36E)wells, both of which are high GOR Eumont casinghead wells that produce from the Eumont (Penrose) gas interval.

Complete copies of this application have also been sent by certified mail to

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all offsetting parties owning <u>Eumont (Gas) rights</u> as described on the enclosed plat and table. The following is a list of the offsetting Eumont (Gas) operators:

Presidio Exploration, Inc. 5613 DTC Parkway, Suite 750 Englewood, Colorado 80111-3035

Meridian Oil, Inc. #6 Desta Drive Midland, Texas 79701

Chevron USA, Inc. Post Office Box 1150 Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Alan W. Bohling

Division Proration Engineer

Amerada Hess Corporation Post Office Box 840 Seminole, Texas 79360

Attention: Mr. Gilbert E. Miller

Kirby Exploration of Texas Post Office Box 1745 Houston, Texas 77251

ARCO Oil and Gas Co. Post Office Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Craig Payken Area Engineer

Marathon Oil Company Post Office Box 552 Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Clifford A. Miller District Engineer

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

DOYLE HARTMAN

Michael Stewart Engineer

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
District I Office
Post Office Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attention: Mr. Jerry Sexton

Mr. J. E. Gallegos Gallegos Law Firm 141 E. Palace Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Mr. Daniel S. Nutter 105 E. Alicante Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Mr. William P. Aycock 1207 W. Wall Midland, Texas 79701

Mr. Harold Swain Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator Post Office Drawer M Jal, New Mexico 88252

Chevron USA, Inc. Post Office Box 670 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

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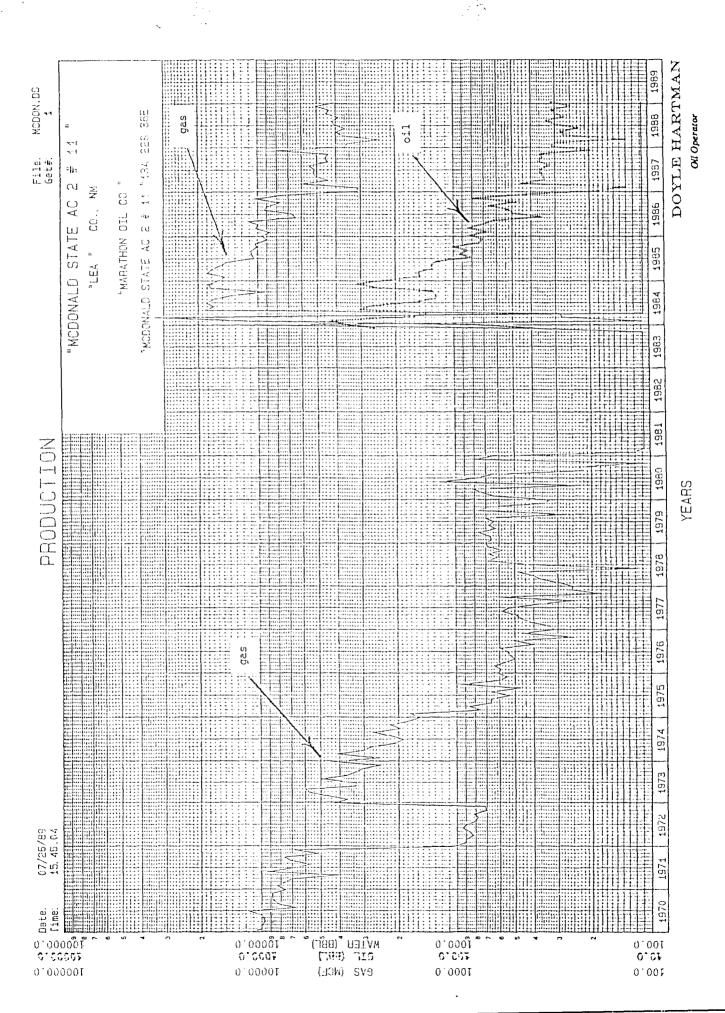
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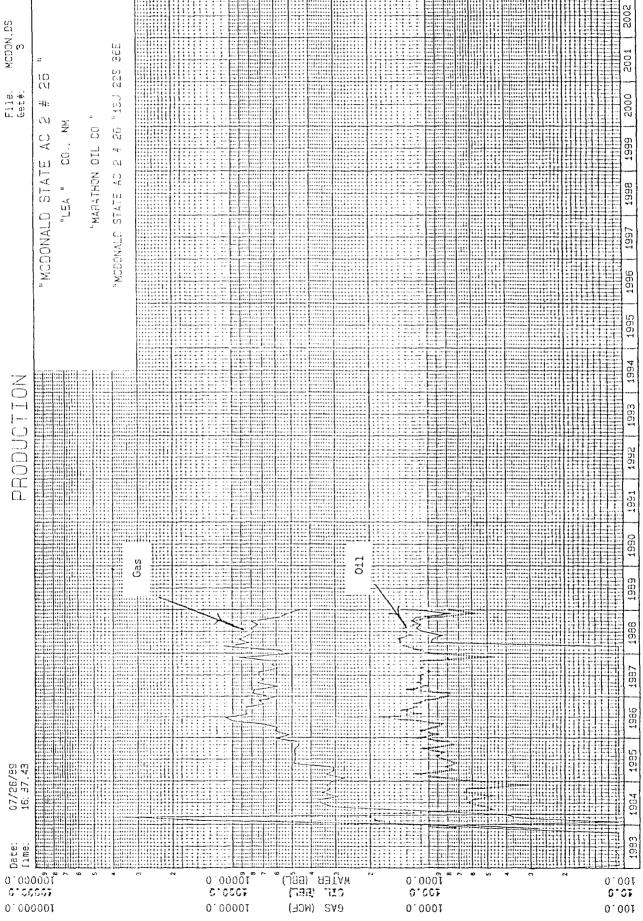
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Offset Eumont (Gas) Operators A. L. Christmas No. 1 W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico (148 acres)

We respectfully request your approval of our administrative request before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (see attached letter dated July 27, 1989) to reactivate the previously approved 148-acre Eumont (Gas) proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico. Said proration unit will be dedicated to Doyle Hartman's newly proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well, to be drilled at an unorthodox Eumont (Gas) location consisting of 990' FNL & 460' FWL (D) Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E.

This letter will also serve as your notice of our intention to ultimately qualify our A. L. Christmas No. 1 as a Section 103 infill well under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, if necessary.

Please indicate your approval of our requests by signing one (1) copy of this waiver and returning it in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DOYLE HARTMAN

Michael Stewart

Engineer

MS/mw Enclosure A. L. Christmas No. 1 Offset Eumont (Gas) Operators July 27, 1989 Page 2 Approved this _____ day of _____, 1989 Presidio Exploration, Inc. Meridian Oil, Inc. Ву: _____ Title: Chevron USA, Inc. Ву: _____ Amerada Hess Corporation Title: _____ Kirby Exploration of Texas Title: _____ Marathon Oil Company

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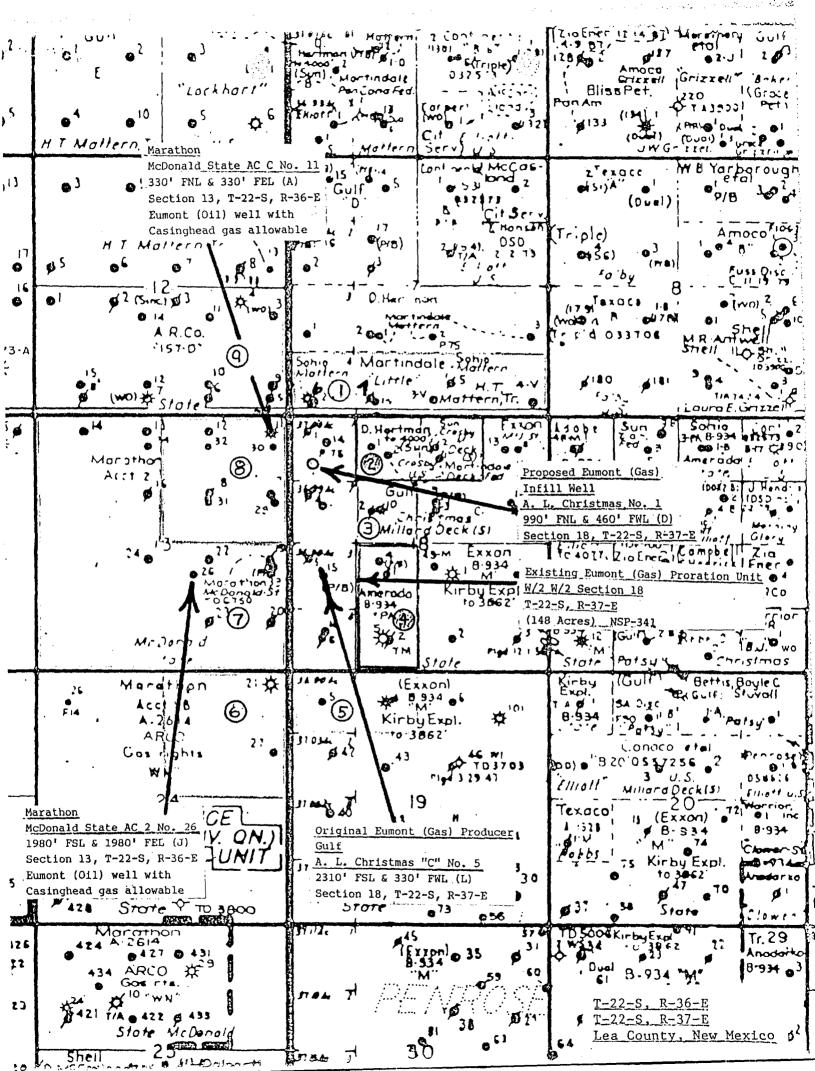
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DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT

DOYLE HARTMAN

Oil Operator

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(915) 684-4011

August 10, 1989

CERTIFIED, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Marathon Oil Company Post Office Box 552 Midland, Texas 79702 Attention: Mr. Kent Craig

Re: Doyle Hartman's
Proposed Infill Well
A.L. Christmas No.1
W/2 W/2 Section 18
T-22-S, R-37-E

Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division dated July 27, 1989 (copy enclosed) wherein we requested reinstatement of the 148-acre Eumont proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, which was previously approved by the NMOCD under Order NSP-341 and was originally dedicated to Chevron's (Gulf's) A.L. Christmas "C" No. 5 well located 2310' FSL and 330' FWL of Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E. In our letter to the NMOCD of July 27, 1989, we also requested approval for an unorthodox location for our proposed A.L. Christmas No. 1 infill Eumont gas well and gave a detailed explanation for our request.

Today, you talked with Mike Stewart of our office about our application for an unorthodox location and implied that we should move the existing high voltage powerline that runs north-south along the centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E so that our proposed A.L. Christmas can be drilled along the centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18. Like Marathon, it is also our opinion that a high voltage powerline should not have been built at a location that prohibits the drilling of new wells at orthodox well locations as per the rules and regulations of the NMOCD; but the powerline in question is now in place and futhermore, it does not belong to us.

Because of the geometry of the subject 148-acre proration unit, if a well cannot be drilled along the centerline of the W/2 W/2

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Section 18, it then becomes necessary to move the proposed location in either an easterly or westerly direction which means that a well must be drilled closer than 610 feet from the east or west lease lines of the A.L. Christmas lease. The width of the W/2 W/2 Section 18 is 1220 feet and therefore, the centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18 is 610 feet from the east and west lease lines.

We are also enclosing for your review an acreage ownership plat depicting the proposed location for our A.L. Christmas No. 1 located in D-18-22S-37E as well as the location of Marathon's existing McDonald State No. 11 located in A-13-22S-36E. As you can see from the enclosed plat, your McDonald State No. 11 is situated 330 feet from the common lease line separating our two leases whereas our proposed location is situated 460 feet from the same lease line.

A review of the enclosed geologic cross-section shows that both your McDonald State No. 11 and our proposed A.L. Christmas No. 1 (once completed) will have completion intervals consisting of the Eumont Penrose interval. However, because the McDonald State No. 11 is classified as a Eumont oil well, the subject well is entitled to a daily casinghead allowable of 800 MCFPD. Based on an average daily allowable for a 160-acre Eumont gas well for the year 1988 of 237 MCFPD, a Eumont oil well in 1988 was entitled to an allowable that was 14.9 times greater, on an acreage basis, than a Eumont gas well producing from the very same zone.

We believe that the NMOCD's definition of correlative rights implies that an operator should be afforded the opportunity to produce his fair share of the reserves from a reservoir so long as that operator is willing to avail himself of the opportunity. Marathon's McDonald State No. 11 well is a Eumont Penrose producer that is situated 130 feet closer to the common lease line between our leases than we are proposing for our A.L. Christmas No. 1. Marathon's McDonald State No. 11 also has a substantial allowable advantage over our proposed A.L. Christmas No. 1 Eumont gas well being that the McDonald State No. 11 is classifed as a casinghead well and is entitled to an allowable of 800 MCFPD/well. Marathon is not suggesting at this time that our proposed A.L. Christmas No. 1 should receive an additional allowable penalty over and above the penalty that it will already suffer relative to the McDonald State No. 11 because of the existing high voltage line that runs north and south along the centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E.

Since the proposed A.L. Christmas No. 1 is being drilled on a farmout from Chevron and time is of the essence in commencing the subject well due to a previously agreed-to farmout deadline, we repectfully request that you promptly approve and return our

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application of July 27, 1989. If we can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Doyle Hartman

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August 16, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 AIRBORNE OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Attention: Mr. Victor T. Lyons

Re: Doyle Hartman's Application for Unorthodox Well Location

Our Lease NM-106 - McDonald State Lease A-2614

All of Section 13, T-22-S, R-36-E,

Our South Eunice Area Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Doyle Hartman's (Hartman) July 27, 1989, Application for Administrative Approval for an unorthodox location for a Eumont (Gas) well at a non-standard Eumont (Gas) location of 990' FNL and 460' FWL of Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that upon review of Hartman's Application, Marathon is not opposed to said unorthodox location provided that a 30% penalty is imposed on the allowable for said well.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

C. R. Hubacher District Engineer

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August 30, 1989

VIA TELEFAX/HAND DELIVERED/FEDERAL EXPRESS

State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attention: Mr. Michael Stogner

Hearing Examiner

Re: Doyle Hartman

A. L. Christmas No. 1 W/2 W/2 Section 18 T-22-S, R-37-E 1. Nonstandard P.U.

2. Unorthodox Location

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 infill Eumont gas well and to our application to the NMOCD dated July 27, 1989 for reinstatement of the previously approved 147.96-acre non-standard standup Eumont gas proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E (NSP-341) which is to be dedicated to our newly proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 infill Eumont Gas well and which was previously dedicated to Chevron's (Gulf's) A. L. Christmas "C" No. 5 Eumont gas well located at an unorthodox Eumont gas location consisting of 2310' FSL and 330' FWL Section 18. Reference is also made to our application of July 27, 1989 to the NMOCD for an unorthodox Eumont gas well location for our proposed infill well consisting of 990' FNL and 460' FWL Section 18 and to our letter to the NMOCD dated July 27, 1989 and to our letter to Marathon Oil Company dated August 10, 1989 wherein the necessity for the proposed unorthodox location was discussed in detail.

For tax reasons, and in an effort to begin replacing the oil and gas reserves that we recently sold to Meridian Oil Producing Inc., it is our plan to drill a total of ten new wells in Lea County, New Mexico during 1989. So as to stay on schedule with our planned drilling program, it is important that the proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well be drilled in the near future. Therefore, in an effort to facilitate the drilling of the A. L. Christmas No. 1 well and to accommodate Marathon Oil Company's unreasonable objection to our originally proposed location for our A. L. Christmas No. 1 well consisting of 990' FNL and 660' FWL of Section 18, we are today talking with Chevron in Hobbs in an effort to obtain permission to modify the routing of Chevron's high voltage power line that runs north and

south down the center of the prveiously approved proposed 147.96-acre standup Eumont proration unit consisting of the W/2 W/2 Section 18. Today we are also talking to Commercial Electric Company in Hobbs about the economic feasibility of moving Chevron's high voltage power line. As was thoroughly discussed in our previous correspondence concerning an unorthodox Eumont gas well consisting of 990° FNL and 460° FWL Section 18, Chevron's high voltage power line is presently restricting our access to the equivalent of an orthodox Eumont gas location for our proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well along the north-south centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18.

Assuming that Chevron is voluntarily agreeable to allowing us to alter the routing of their existing high voltage power line and also assuming that the movement of the line is economically practical, we hereby amend (in accordance with Rule 2(b)4 and 5(a) of the SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EUMONT GAS POOL) the proposed location for our A. L. Christmas No. 1 well to a location consisting of 990' FNL and 610' FWL Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E which is the equivalent of an orthodox Eumont gas location for a 147.96-acre standup rectangle Eumont proration unit. A location consisting of 990' FNL and 610' FWL will place the well along the centerline of the 147.96-acre standup non-standard rectangular Eumont proration unit at a distance 990 feet south of the north line.

The fact that a 147.96-acre Eumont proration unit is assigned under NMOCD prorationing rules (Rule 5(a)) an acreage factor of 0.9248 (or an allowable that is 92.48% of a full 160-acre Eumont proration unit) totally negates Marathon's unreasonable contention that our proposed well should be assigned an additional penalty because it is closer than 660 feet from the closet proration unit boundary line. The following calculation shows why an additional allowable penalty for a location of 990' FNL and 610' FWL would be a violation of the correlative rights of the onwers of the A. L. Christmas.

A = Proration Unit Area

 $A (Area) = L (Length) \times W (Width)$

 $A = AF \times 160 \times 43,560$

 $A = 0.9248 \times 160 \times 43,560$

A = 6,445,486.1 sq.ft.

 $L = 1 \text{ mile } \times 5280 \text{ feet/mile} = 5280 \text{ feet}$

<u>A</u> – W

W = A = 6.445.486.1 sq.ft. = 1220.74 feetL 5280 ft

and W/2 (centerline) = 1220.74 feet/2 = 610.36 feet

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Therefore, since time is of the essence in us obtaining the necessary regulatory approval for the subject infill well and assuming that the two obstacles corresponding to the high voltage powerline will be successfully resolved. the Director's prompt administrative approval of our amended equivalent orthodox location is respectfully requested so that we can promptly proceed with the necessary building of a drilling rig pad for the subject well. In the event, that Chevron is not voluntarily agreeable to allowing us to move their power line and/or it appears that it is not economically feasible to move the power line, then in order to protect both our correlative rights as well as the correlative rights of the royalty owners corresponding to the subject 147.96-acre A. L. Christmas lease, we plan to proceed on September 20, 1989 with our scheduled hearing for the originally proposed unorthodox Eumont gas location for our A. L. Christmas No. 1 well consisting of 990' FNL and 460' FWL Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E. We will promptly contact you after we have met with Chevron and Commercial Electric Company if it does appear that it is not feasible to drill along the north-south centerline of the W/2 W/2 Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E.

Very truly yours,

Doyle Hartman

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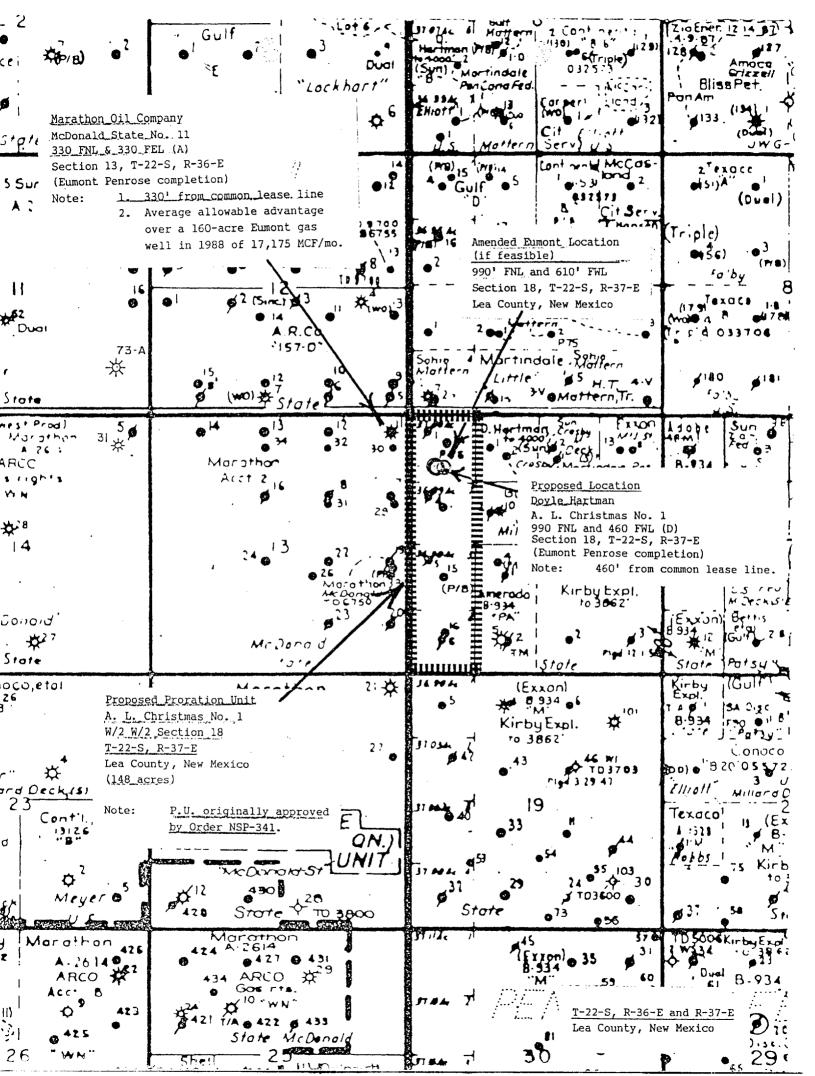
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COMPANY Marathon COMPANY Doyle Hartman radiation or engineering (Proposed well) FIELD Furnant Gas -/ Arrowhero Eumont Gas Pool LOCATION 330 FNL 4 330 FEL LOCATION 990 FNL & 460 FWL Section 18, T-22-5, R-37-E Log from A. L. Christmas No. 14 in D-18-275-37E COUNTY LEG COUNTY LICE STATE -- New Mexico STATE New Mexico ELEVATIONS ELEVATIONS DF: 3452 ci 3441 EUMONT POOL Completion 3458-3496 DOYLE HARTMAN A.L. CHRISTMAS NO. 1 (10-27-58) ANTICIPATED COMPLETION Completion 3516-3589 (11-20-83) Original Comp. OH 3632-3735 (11-4-39) PBTO @ 3716 (10-27-58)

RULE 2(a). A standard GPU in the Crosby-Devonian Gas Pool shall be 160 acres.

RULE 2(b). Each well completed or recompleted in the Crosby-Devonian Gas Pool shall be located no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the proration unit nor closer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary.

D. ALLOCATION AND GRANTING OF ALLOWABLES

RULE 5. Acreage is the only proration factor in the Crosby-Devonian Gas Pool.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EUMONT GAS POOL

The Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, was created February 17, 1953, and gas proration in this pool became effective January 1, 1954. The Eumont Gas Pool now includes portions of the acreage once included in the Jalco and Langmat Pools (now Jalmat) and all of the acreage formerly in the Arrow and Hardy Pools.

A. DEFINITIONS

THE VERTICAL LIMITS of the Eumont Gas Pool shall extend from the top of the Yates formation to the base of the Queen formation, thereby including all of the Yates, Seven Rivers, and Queen formations.

A GAS WELL in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be a well producing from the vertical limits of the pool with a gas-liquid ratio in excess of 100,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

AN OIL WELL in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be a well producing from the vertical limits of the pool and not classified as a gas well as defined above.

THE LIMITING GAS-OIL RATIO for oil wells in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

B. WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS

RULE 2(a) 1. A standard gas proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be 640 acres.

- 2. A standard oil proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be 40 acres.
- RULE 2(b) 1./ A gas well in the Eumont Gas Pool to which 640 acres is dedicated shall be located no nearer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the section and no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section or subdivision boundary line.
- 2. An oil well in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be located no nearer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of any governmental quarter-quarter section or subdivision boundary line.

(Any well drilled to and producing from the Eumont Gas Pool prior to August 12, 1954, at a location conforming with the spacing requirements effective at the time said well was drilled, shall be granted a tolerance not exceeding 330 feet with respect to the required distance from the boundary lines.)

RULE 2(b) 4. In establishing a non-standard gas proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool, the location of the well with respect to the two nearest boundary lines thereof shall govern the maximum amount of acreage that may be assigned to the well for the purposes of gas proration as follows:

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MAXIMUM ACREAGE
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160 acres
320 acres

600 acres

- D. ALLOCATION AND GRANTING OF ALLOWABLES
 - RULE 5. Acreage is the only proration factor in the Eumont Gas Pool.
 - (a) A 640 acre proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool shall be assigned an Acreage Factor of 4.00; a 160 acre proration unit an Acreage Factor of 1.00, etc.
 - I. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL POOL RULES
 - RULE 26. Oil wells in the Eumont Gas Pool shall receive oil and casinghead gas allowables as provided in Rules 503, 505, and 506 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE

Name MEXICO OIL CONS	ERVATION COMISSION
P. O. B	OX 2045
HOBBS, M	EW MEXICO
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To:	Re: Gas Wells
Gulf 011 Corp.	This is:
Box 2167	A New Gas Well ()
Hobbs, New Mex.	A New Gas Well An oil well converted to ges () An Oil-Gas Dual A Gas-Gas Dual ()
Gentlemen:	
Form C-104 has been received on your	A. L. Christmas "C" #5-L 18-22-37 Lease and Well No. Unit S-T-R
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But no allowable can be assigned this well until the following forms have been received:	And a 148 acre allowable will be assigned in the Eumont Pool under NSP Order No. 341
Form C-110	Filed 10/31/56
Plat	Filed 10/31/56
NSP Order	Application filed 12/19/56
Affidavit of communitization	Filed Not Needed
Notice of Connection	Date of connection 1/12/57
	OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Engineer, District 1
Original-Operator CC-File	Original-CCC, Santa Fe CC-File, operator & Transporter-PB

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September 6, 1989

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Re: Doyle Hartman's Application for Unorthodox Well Location

Our Lease NM-106 - McDonald State Lease A-2614

All of Section 13, T-22-S, R-36-E,

Our South Eunice Area Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Doyle Hartman's (Hartman) August 30, 1989, letter wherein the location of Hartman's proposed A. L. Christmas No. 1 well has been changed to 990' FNL and 610' FWL of Section 18, T-22-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

Upon review of the above location change, please be advised that Marathon is not opposed to the new location of the subject well.

Please be advised that if the proposed well is moved back to its original location (990' FNL & 460' FWL of Section 18), then Marathon will announce a protest.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

W. O. Snyder

Production Manage

Production Manager, Midland Operations

WOS/SMD; mmc'

xc: Mr. S. C. Schraub

Mr. J. L. Benson

Mr. L. D. Garcia

Doyle Hartman

P. O. Box 10426

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Attn: Mr. Michael Stewart