



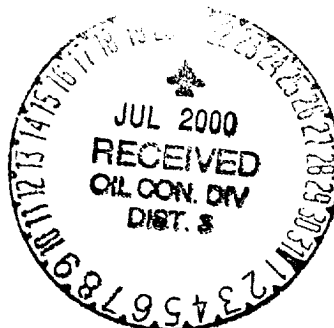
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COMMINGLING ORDER PLC-172

Marathon Oil Company
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Attention: Mr. Thomas P. Kacir

The above-named company is hereby authorized to commingle Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas – 71629) and Blanco-Mesaverde (Prorated Gas – 72319) Pool production from the following leases:

Lease: Ohio "D" Lease Wells No. 1, 1A, 8-2, 1B and 1C (Federal Lease No. NM-021123)
Description: W/2 of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, NMPM;

Lease: Ohio "E" Lease Wells No. 1, 1A, 18-1, 1B and 1C (Federal Lease No. NM-021125)
Description: E/2 of Section 18, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, NMPM; and

Lease: Ohio "F" Lease Wells No. 1, 1A, 20-1, 1B and 1C (Federal Lease No. NM-021126)
Description: N/2 of Section 20, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, NMPM,

located in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Gas production shall be allocated to each lease by separately metering the production from each well prior to commingling. Oil production will not be commingled.

NOTE: This installation shall be installed and operated in accordance with the applicable provisions of Rule 309-B of the Division Rules and Regulations and the Division "Manual for the Installation and Operation of Commingling Facilities." It is the responsibility of the producer to notify the transporter of this commingling authority.

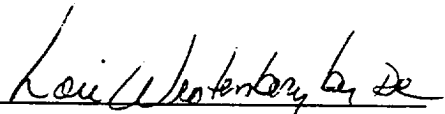
REMARKS: The commingled natural gas production shall be delivered to sales meters at the Ohio "E" Well No. 18-1 located in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 18, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, and the Ohio "F" Well No. 1A located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

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FURTHER: The operator shall notify the Aztec district office of the Division prior to implementation of the commingling process.

PROVIDING: Like approval from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is also required.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 19th day of July, 2000.


LORI WROTENBERY,
Division Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division- Aztec /
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington