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January 30, 1979

State of New Mexico Energy & Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director

Re: Case No. 6209; Order No. R-5710

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Per the captioned order, attached please find an itemized schedule of the actual costs to date to drill and attempt to complete the Grynberg Federal #1, 1400' P.C. test. Current status of the well is having been temporarily abandoned, subjet to our inability to complete in the P.C. An evaluation of the results to date is being performed toward presenting recommendations to Management as to future plans. The indicated difference between estimated and actual costs is due to the additional acidizing, fracing, perforating and completion rig costs incurred in attempting to complete the well.

Very truly yours,

James G. Ellis

Chief Petroleum Engineer

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JGE:mt Attachment

cc: Mr. Michael P. Grace, Jr. Suite 525 911 Walker Houston, Texas 77002

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6209 Order No. R-5710

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 21st day of April, 1978, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Southern Union Exploration Co., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the

gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) That \$1500 per month while drilling and \$125.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before August 1, 1978, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 196.67-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of August, 1978, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Pictured Cliffs formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of August, 1978, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded

- (2) That Southern Union Exploration Co. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his

share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
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- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$125.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the

operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in San Juan County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- -(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

August 28, 1978

Mr. Tommy Roberts Box 1020 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

> Re: Case No. 6209 Order No. R-5710

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is with reference to your letter of August 18, 1978, wherein you request an extension of time to complete the well in the above referenced Order.

Since this well was spudded on April 29, 1978, and since your are experiencing difficulties in completing the well, an extension to the time period in Finding No. 1 of the above Order should be authorized. You are therefore given an extension of sixty days in which to complete this well.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

August 22, 1978

Mr. Tommy Roberts Box 1020 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

> Case No. 6209 Order No. R-5710

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is with reference to your letter of August 18, 1978, wherein you request an extension of time to complete the well in the above referenced Order.

Since you still have approximately 98 days left in which to complete the well, I believe your request for a time extension is premature. If in late November, 1978, you still have not completed the well, I will entertain a request for a time extension.

Yours very truly,

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Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Joe D. Ramey Director

Re: Case No. 6209 Order No. R-5710

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Pursuant to the above-referenced Order, Southern Union Exploration Company was to commence the drilling of a well upon the subject property on or before August 1, 1978, and was required to complete the drilling of such well within 120 days after commencement thereof.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that such well will not be completed within the prescribed time period and to request an extension of 60 days in which to complete the drilling of such well.

Southern Union Exploration is experiencing problems with the recovery of load water which problem has delayed the completion of the well.

If you have any questions concerning the drilling of this well, please feel free to call or write.

Yours very truly,

Donung Roberts

CC Jim Ellis Southern Union Exploration Company dr/

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO APRIL 19, 1978

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Southern Union Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Case 6209

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division:

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Legal Counsel for the Division

For the Applicant:

Tommy Roberts
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Attorneys at Law
511 W. Arrington
Farmington, New Mexico.

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P.O.BOX 449 58 SOUTH FEDERAL PLACE SANYA FE, NEW MEXICO 67503 MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 6209.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6209. Application of Southern Union Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

MR. ROBERTS: Tommy Roberts on behalf
of Southern Union Exploration Company. I'm a member of
the firm of Tansey, Roberts, Rosebrough, Garding, Farmington,
New Mexico. I have two witnesses.

MR. STAMETS: I would like to have them stand and be sworn at this time please.

(WHEREUPON, the witnesses were

duly sworn.)

MR. ROBERTS: I call Mr. Steve Hanger.

STEPHEN HANGER

the witness herein, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ROBERTS:

- Q Would you state your name?
- A Stephen Hanger.
- Q And your occupation?
- A Land man with Southern Union Exploration.
- Q How long have you been in that position?

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P.O. BOX 449 56 SOUTH FEDERAL PLACE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 A Two months.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Examiner, we don't anticipate any expert testimony from this witness and we would ask that he be allowed to go ahead and testify.

MR. STAMETS: You may proceed.

Q (By Mr. Roberts) Mr. Hanger, I show you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 1. Would you explain to the Examiner what that exhibit is?

A That's our application to permit to drill a well.

Q What is the significance of that exhibit?

A The initial exhibit we presented to the Commission called for 160 acre spacing up in Section 18 of 25 north, 13 west, San Juan County and the Commission requested that we include Michael Trust lands, which is at 36.97 acre lease along the west side of the northwest, northwest of this section, which is shown in Exhibit 2.

Q Directing your attention to Exhibit 2, would you again explain the working interest or the ownership interest of the minerals in this particular quarter section upon which you intend to drill a well?

A Southern Union owns the lease on the 160 acres in northwest, northwest Section 18 and the Mike Trust

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land on the lease, on the 36.97 acres along the west end of that quarter, quarter section.

Q Mr. Hanger, have you been in contact with the people or persons of interest in the Mike Trust lands for the purpose of agreement as to the pooling of this acreage?

A Yes, I talked to Mr. Ray Anaya, who is the trustee for the Mike Trust land and the first time I contacted him I offered to see if he would sell the lease to us or sign it to us and he said no, they weren't interested in doing anything at this time with it.

Then I contacted him again and asked him if they would be willing to join us in the drilling of this well and he told us, no, they didn't really have the funds to join in the drilling of this well but they have no objections to a compulsory force pooling of these lands.

Ω Mr. Hanger, have these exhibits been prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: We move for the introduction of those exhibits, o and 2.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

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(WHEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits 1

and 2 admitted into evidence.)

MR. ROBERTS: We have no other questions of this witness.

MR. STAMETS: Any questions of the witness?

MR. RAMEY: Just a clarification question.

I think you were referring to northwest of the northwest?

MR. HANGER: It would be the northwest

quarter, excuse me.

MR. RAMEY: Northwest quarter?

MR. HANGER: Right.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions? The wintess may be excused.

MR. ROBERTS: Call Dave Davies.

DAVID DAVIES

the witness herein, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ROBERTS:

- Q Would you state your name for the record?
- A David John Davies.
- Q What is your occupation?
- A I'm a geologist with Southern Union Exploration.

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- Q How long have you been so employed?
- A Between six and seven months.
- Q Have you had any prior experience as a geologist?

A Yes, I certainly have. I worked for approximately three years with Inserts Exploration, Incorporated also out of Dallas. Partially during that time I was employed as a geological technican at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Q Would you briefly explain to the examiner your background, educational background?

A Yes. I attended Southern Methodist
University in Dallas receiving a Bachelor of Science
degree in geology with emphasis in segmentation, pigmentology.
I received my degree in May of 1977.

- Q Have you testified before this Commission?
- A No, I have not.

MR. ROBERTS: We would ask that the witness's qualification as a geologist be accepted.

MR. STAMETS: The witness is considered qualified.

Q (By Mr. Roberts) Mr. Davies, would you

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please look at what has been marked as Exhibit No. 4 and explain to the Examiner the significance of this exhibit?

surrounding the area of interest in San Juan County, New Mexico, structure map on the top of the Pictured Cliff formation with a scale of one inche equals 2,000 feet.

Basically, what it shows is, as you can see, as is typical of the San Juan Basin in this particular portion namely the southwest portion of the basin. There is very little structure relief whatsoever within the basin except for your gradual north to northeast redipping beds.

In other words, you don't have any sort of structural entrapment. Also this shows that the area surrounding the proposed location had very few wells drilled in it. In fact, there has only been two wells drilled within the, say, the last fifteen years within a radius of seven to eight miles. This area being the area southwest of the Bistie Gallup Field.

There has been activity north and northeast of the Bistie field. However, in this particular area there has not been any activity. Also, as you can see from this map, there is no Pictured Cliffs production at this time within an area of let's say six to seven miles

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within the proposed location and therefore it can very definitely be classified as a wildcat and in fact, a wildcat not near any production, let's say.

The closest production would be approximately seven miles away to the northeast in the Nip Field.

Q Do you have any other comments to make concerning this exhibit?

A Not at this time.

Q I would like you to look at what has been marked as Exhibit No. 5 and describe that exhibit to the Examiner.

A This is--

Q --and explain the significance of that exhibit?

A This is a well cost estimate, an inhouse well cost estimate that we have drawn up showing the probable cost of a dry hole and incompleted well for the Grynberg Federal location, which it shows the total estimated cost dry hole cost of \$14,381.00 completion cost of \$18,760 and therefore a cost of a completed well is \$33,141.00.

Q Mr. Davies, have you been able to assing a risk factor to the attempted drilling of this well?

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A Numerically I have not. However, I would clasify it as a wildcat with a risk factor of approximately four or five or more. In other words, a highly risky prospect. There are, as I've mentioned, there is no production nearby. In fact, the only nearby well is the Anderson, F. R. Anderson No. 11-18 Federal approximately 1300 feet away in Section 18, Township 25 north, Range 13 west, which did not have any Pictured Cliff show at all.

Therefore, it could very well be classified as a wildcat well with a very high risk.

- Q Have you been able to assign a cost of supervision to this well during the drilling of the well?
 - A Yes, we have.
 - Q What amount have you assigned?
- A We have assigned a cost of \$1500 during drilling.
- Q Upon the completion of the well do you anticipate any further supervisory cost associated with this particular well?
- A Yes, we do. We anticipate approximately \$500 per month.
- Q In your opinion will the granting of this application for compulsory pooling facilitate the protection

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of correlative rights and prevention of waste?

A Yes, it will.

Q Have the Exhibits 4 and 5 been prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes, they have.

MR. ROBERTS: We move for the introduction of Exhibits 4 and 5.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

(WHEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits 4 and 5 admitted into the evidence.)

MR. ROBERTS: We have no other questions of this witness.

MR. STAMETS: I presume, Mr. Davies, that Southern Union would like to have the maximum risk factor assigned?

A That is correct, yes.

MR . STAMETS: Getting back to the \$500 production cost, I think you must be including something other than combined fixed rates in that the figure you presented is anywhere from four to five times higher than anyone else in the area.

MR. DAVIES: Well, the reason we have come

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up with that figure basically is that there is no other production within an area of, you know, several miles around and therefore we basically had to come up with a figure. It may possibly be a little bit high. However, on the other hand having no other figures to go on for that particular area then we felt that would be a reasonable figure.

MR. STAMETS: Without, it would be difficult,

I believe, for the Examiner to recommend that figure to

the Director without a complete accounting thereof presented

subsequent to this hearing or if you've got a copy of it

with you today.

MR. DAVIES: It might, possibly.

MR. ROBERTS: Are you able to reduce it?

MR. DAVIES: I think it would be possible in that case to reduce it somewhat, yes. As I have said that was the figure that we have arrived at using basically no other information, you know, on current producers nearby and therefore, it would be possible and perhaps to to reduce that.

MR. STAMETS: Assuming too that you did get a discovery in the area, and additional wells would be drilled, producing costs would go down, would they not?

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P.O. BOX 449 53 SOUTH FEDERAL PLACE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 67501 MR. DAVIES: Correct.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused.

MR. ROBERTS: We do have a problem with time on this particular well. We have a rig. assigned toward the end of this month that's available and in the area and it will be very helpful if we could have a rapid decision on this. Also our leases will be up May 1st, so we need--

MR. STAMETS: I would assume that if a reasonable supervision charge, something more like what you would find on the average well in the San Juan Basin were proposed before the day was over, that we could expediate this.

MR. DAVIES: We will provide that to you.

MR. STAMETS: I'm sure you have something.

Anything further in this case? The case will be taken

under advisement.

(WHEREUPON, hearing was concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, BETTY J. LANPHERE, CSR-RPR with offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a complete and accurate record of said proceedings as the same were recorded by me stenographically and reduced to typewritten transcript by me or under my supervision.

DATED At Santa Fe, New Mexico, this eleventh day of May, 1978.

Betty J. Lanphere, Court Reporter

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JERRY APODACA

NICK FRANKLIN SECRETARY

May 15, 1978

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 (506) 827-2434

Mr. Tommy Roberts Tansey, Rosebrough, Roberts & Gerding Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1020 Farmington, New Mexico 87401	CASE NO. 6209 ORDER NO R-5710-A Applicant: Southern Union Exploration Co.
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two of Division order recently ent	copies of the above-referenced cered in the subject case.
JOE D. RAMEY Director	
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 6209 Order No. R-5710-A

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

BY THE DIVISION:

It appearing to the Division that Order No. R-5710, dated April 21, 1978, does not correctly state the intended order of the Division,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the first paragraph of Section (1) on Page 3 of Order No. R-5710, Case No. 6209, be and the same is hereby corrected to read as follows:
 - "(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 196.97-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon."
- (2) That this order shall be effective nunc pro tunc as of April 21, 1978.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 12th day of May, 1978.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DOE D. RAMEY, Division Director

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JERRY APODACA GOVERNOR

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April 24, 1978

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Southern Union Exploration Company First International Building Datas, Texas 75,270 (214) 748-5511

May 3, 1978

Mr. Ray Anaya Eddy County Courthouse Room 105 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Re: NMOCC Case No. 6209

Order No. R-5710 Dated April 21, 1978

Dear Mr. Anaya:

Per the captioned order, please find attached the well cost estimate for the Grynberg Federal #1, located in section 18-T25N-R13W, San Juan County, New Mexico. Due to our lease subject to expiration on 5/1/78, I am not able to provide the Mike Trust Lands with 30 days notice prior to drilling, however this poses no problem. We spudded on April 29, 1978, and this date are logging. There is no indication as yet as to whether we will complete the well.

Yours very truly,

James G. Ellis

Chief Petroleum Engineer

JGE:mt

cc: NMOCC - Santa Fe - w/att
NMOCC - Aztec - w/att

SOUTHERN UNION SUPPLY COMPANY WELL COST ESTIMATE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 6209 Order No. R-5710

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 21st day of April, 1978, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Southern Union Exploration Co., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the

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gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) That \$1500 per month while drilling and \$125.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

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(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before August 1, 1978, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 196.67-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of August, 1978, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Pictured Cliffs formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of August, 1978, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Southern Union Exploration Co. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his

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share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$125.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the

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operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in San Juan County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section Operator Southern Union Exploration Co. Grynberg-Federal Unit Letter ... Section Range E (lot #5) 18 25N San Juan Actual Footage Location of Wells 1.650 North feet from the West leet from the Ground Level Elev: Producing Formation Dedicated Acreager 6421 Pictured Cliffs Undesignated 196.97 1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below. 2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). 3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling. etc? If answer is "yes," type of consolidation Yes. If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commis-CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information con-W. Area Manager Minerals Management Inc 3-8-78 BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Date Surveyed CASE NO. March -7, 1978 SCALE: 1"=1320' Submitted by So. Union 1712 Hearing Date Coul -==

BÉFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXHIBIT NO. 3 CASE NO. 6209 Submitted by Sounder, Janua Exploration France Plans Date 4/19/78 T25 M-12 18 17 Anderson 13 5156 SX Grynberg Federal TRUSTEE MR. RAY ANAYA MIKE TRUST 19 20 24 LEGEND O LOCATION ////UNIT

SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY

COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION

NEW MEXICO CASE 6209

SET FOR APRIL 19, 1978, HEARING

EXHIBIT I

ACREAGE MAP

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

GEOLOGICAL STAFF DRAFTED BY: H.E.B.

APRIL , 1978

SOUTHERN UNION SUPPLY COMPANY WELL COST ESTIMATE

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 19, 1978

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1978, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1978, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 6151: (Continued from March 22, 1978, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Vega Petroleum Corporation, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the North Caprock Queen Unit No. Well No. 1 Well No. 5Y located in Unit E of Section 8, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

- CASE 6199: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Marion B. Edmonds and O. A. Peters and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Edmonds & Peters Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 33 East, Harding County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandone in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6200: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Astro-Tex Oil Corp., American Employers' Insurance Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Cain Well No. 2 located in Unit J of Section 22, Township 15 North, Range 33 East, Harding County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6201: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Paul Haskins and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Federal "17" Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 33 East, Harding County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6202: Application of Amoco Production Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County,
 New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location
 of its Teledyne Fed. Gas Com Well No. 1 to be located 660 feet from the South line and 1980
 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico,
 the E/2 of said Section 4 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6203: Application of Walter W. Krug DBA Wallen Production Co., for special casing-cementing rules in the Potash-Oil Area, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, asks that the special cable tool casing-cementing rules for wells in the North Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, as promulgated by Order No. R-4253, be extended to encompass additional lands, including all or portions of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6204: Application of Producing Royalties, Inc., for exemption from the Natural Gas Pricing Act, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, proposes to drill a replacement Pictured Cliffs gas well in the same proration unit as its Payne Well No. 2, that is, the NW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, and seeks exemption from the Natural Gas Pricing Act pursuant to a finding that the new well is justified for reasons other than avoiding the application of said act.
- CASE 6205: Application of Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Quanah
 Parker Well No. 2-Y to be located 2770 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line
 of Section 28, Township 26 South, Range 36 East, West Scarborough-Yates Pool, Lea County, New
 Mexico, the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section to be dedicated to the well.

- Application of Cleary Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Morrow test well at a point 4650 feet from the South line and 1980 for from the West line of Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, South Lake-Morrow Field, Lea County, New Mexico, Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, and SW/4 of said Section 5 to be dedicated to the well.
- Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Little et al Well No. 1 to be drilled 1290 feet from the South line and 1720 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad-Cherry Canyon Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6208: Application of Layton Enterprises, Inc., for two non-standard oil proration units and two unorthodox locations, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for two non-standard oil proration units in Township 8 South, Range 38 Fast, Bluitt-San Andres Associated Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, each to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location thereon. The first unit would comprise 102.55 acres being the N/2 NW/4 and Lot 1 of Section 16 with the well located 800 feet from the North line and 450 feet from the East line of the section; the second unit would comprise 101.84 acres being the S/2 NW/4 and Lot 2 of Section 16 with the well located 2120 feet from the North line and 450 feet from the East line of the section.
- CASE 6209: Application of Southern Union Exploration Co., for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6210: Application of Orla Petco, Inc., for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Upper Delaware formation through the perforated interval from 2560 feet to 2690 feet in its Sanders Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, Herradura Bend-Delaware Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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Mr. Ray Anaya Eddy County Courthouse Room 105 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

> Application of Southern Union Exploration Company for compulsory pooling of the mineral interest underlying the NW% of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West,

N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New

Mexico

Dear Mr. Anaya:

I have been retained by Southern Union Exploration Company, Dallas, Texas, to assist them in filing an application for compulsory pooling of the mineral interest underlying the above referenced quarter Section. I have been informed that you are the Trustee for the Mike Trust, which trust estate consists partly of mineral interest underlying approximately 36.97 acres in the NW% of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico. I am also informed that Southern Union Exploration Company has been in contact with you concerning the voluntary pooling of all mineral interest underlying said quarter Section.

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice that I have filed an application for compulsory pooling with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, which application shall be heard by a hearing examiner on April 19, 1978. The office of the Oil Conservation Commission informs me that you will be mailed a copy of the trailing docket for that particular date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

Johnny Roberts

TR/da cc to:

Southern Union Exploration Company Attention: Mr. James Ellis

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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> Re: In the matter of the application of Southern Union Exploration Company

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are original and two copies of Application in the above captioned matter.

Yours very truly,

Tommy Roberts

TR/da Enclosures

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Case 6209

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING OF ITS WELL TO
BE DRILLED IN THE NW% of Section 18,
Township 25 North, Range 13 West,
N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico.

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Southern Union Exploration Company, by its undersigned attorneys, as provided by \$65-3-14, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953, as amended, and hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an order pooling all the mineral interest in and under the NW4 of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation, and in support thereof Applicant would show:

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- 2. Applicant has requested the agent and attorney-infact for the Mike Trust land, the owner of an unleased mineral interest in 36.97 acres in said NW4 of Section 18, Township 25

 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, to lease said interest to applicant or to voluntarily agree to pool said interest and acreage and join with applicant in the drilling of the above proposed well. The owner of said 36.97 acre tract has not agreed to lease said interest to applicant and has not voluntarily agreed to pool or join in the drilling of the well proposed by applicant. Applicant owns operating rights to 160 acres of the approved proration unit in the NW4 of Section 18 and Mike Trust Lands owns operating rights to 36.97 acres of the approved proration unit in said quarter and Section.

The name and address of the agent and attorney-in-fact for the Mike Trust Land is: Ray Anaya, Eddy County Courthouse, Room 105, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220.

- 3. Applicant requests that it be designated Operator of the pooled unit requested above.
- 4. The Commission should pool all interest in the spacing or proration unit as a unit in order to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to prevent waste.
- 5. The risk and expense of drilling and completing the proposed well is great and if any owners of any other possible interest in the NW% of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, do not choose to pay their share of the cost of drilling and completion, Applicant should be allowed a reasonable charge for the supervision and a charge for the risk involved in addition to recovery of the actual cost of drilling and completing the well.

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Respectfully submitted,

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By: Sommy Rokerte
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Memo Core 6209 To Dick: Re: Order R-5710 Paragraph (1) The NW/4 of Section 18 contains 196. 97 Acres

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

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R. L. STAMETS TECHNICAL SUPPORT CHIEF

Tommy Roberts PHy. Farmington

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 6209

Order No. R- 5710-A

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION CO.

FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

BY THE DIVISION:

It appearing to the Division that Order No. R-5710

dated April 21 , 1978 , does not correctly state the intended order of the Division,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- the first paragraph of Section (1) That#Ramagramm (1) on Page 3 of Order No. R-5710, Case
- No. 6209, be and the same is hereby corrected to read as follows:
 - "(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of oversize Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 196.97-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon."
- (2) That this order shall be effective <u>nunc pro tunc</u> as of April 21, 1978.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this _____day of May, 1978.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY, Director