Houston Division Production Operations, United States



P.O. Box 2409 Hobbs, NM 88241-2409 Telephone 505/393-7106

September 9, 1994

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State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Energy and Mineral Department Mr. David Catanach PO Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87501

> RE: REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO RULE 303-A DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING EDITH BUTLER "B" WELL NO. 1 UNIT I, 1980' FSL & 660' FEL SECTION 13, T-22-S, R-37-E BLINEBRY AND DRINKARD FORMATIONS DRINKARD FIELD LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests administrative approval for an exception to Rule 303-A to permit the downhole commingling of the Tubb and Drinkard formations in the above mentioned well.

Currently, the well is a Tubb-Drinkard dual producer with the Tubb flowing up the casing and the Drinkard on plunger lift below a packer (see attached wellbore sketch). It is proposed that the packer isolating the two zones be removed thus downhole commingling the Tubb and Drinkard. Both zones will be plunger lifted or rod pumped. The Tubb is currently loaded up, being unable to remove liquids up the casing and the Drinkard is being produced inefficiently under a packer. The downhole commingling of the two zones will allow for both zones to be produced to a lower abandonment pressure and recover additional reserves hereby minimizing waste.

Enclosed is the pertinent data supporting this application as outlined in Rule 303-A. If additional information is necessary, please contact Rick Gaddis at (505) 393-7106 ext 201.

Sincerely,

T.A. Deines Northwest Operations Production Superintendent

RDG:TAD/94107/kc Attachments

# **REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO RULE 303-A**

## EDITH BUTLER "B" WELL NO. 1 DRINKARD FIELD

(A) Marathon Oil Company PO Box 2409 Hobbs, NM 88240

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- (B) Edith Butler "B" Well No. 1 Unit I, 1980' FSL and 660' FEL Section 13, T-22-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico Commingle Zones: Tubb Drinkard
- (C) A plat of the area is attached showing the lease and offset operations. Also attached is a C-102 for each formation.
- (D) The Form C-116 for each of the formations is attached. The allocated production for each pool will be based upon the current and historical production declines along with the latest GOR tests.
- (E) Production curves for both the Tubb and Drinkard are attached.
- (F) <u>Estimated</u> bottomhole pressure for each zone:

Tubb	600	psia
Drinkard	700	psia

- (G) Marathon is commingling the fluids at the surface and has not encountered incompatibility problems.
- (H) If the downhole commingling is approved, additional reserves will be recovered from each formation.

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Production from the latest GOR test as follows:

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Tubb Drinkard	03	20 50	0
TOTAL	3	70	0

Predicted Production Is:

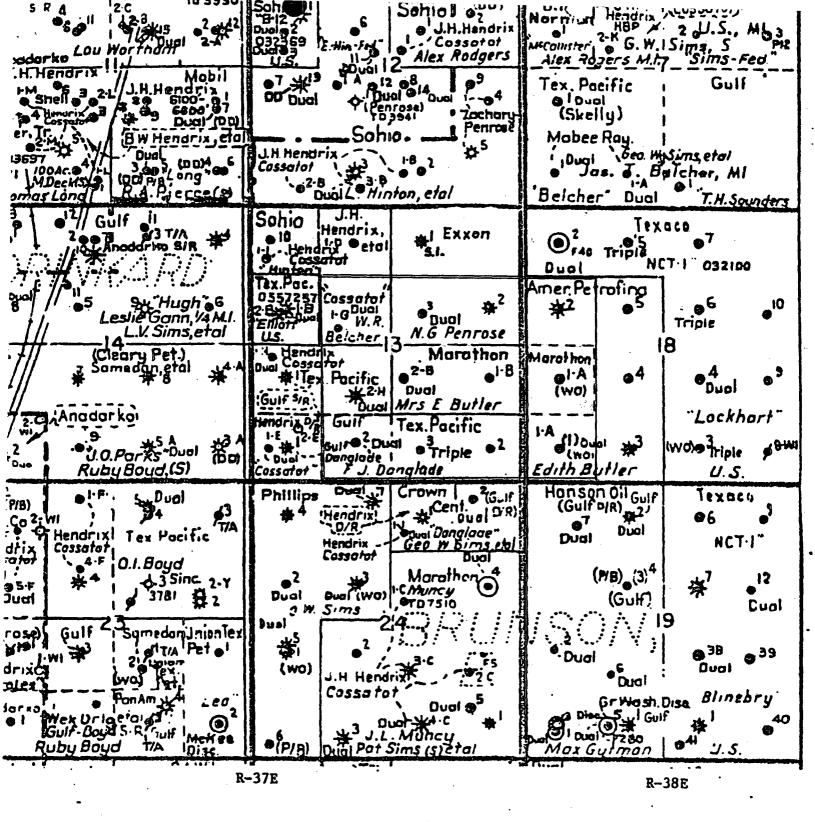
FORMATION	OIL	GAS	WATER
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Tubb	1	60	1
Drinkard	5	100	1
TOTAL	6	160	2

Allocated Percentages should be:

FORMATION	OIL	GAS	WATER
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Tubb	16.7	28.6	50.0
Drinkard	83.3	71.4	<u>50.0</u>
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100

- (J) Ownership of the two pools to be commingled are in common and correlative rights will not be violated.
- (K) By copy of this letter, we are notifying all offset operators of the proposed commingling.

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#### MARATHON OIL COMPANY EDITH BUTLER "B" LEASE

#### LAND PLAT

DRINKARD AREA LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO District I PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980 District II PO Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719 District III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 District IV PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

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#### AMENDED REPORT

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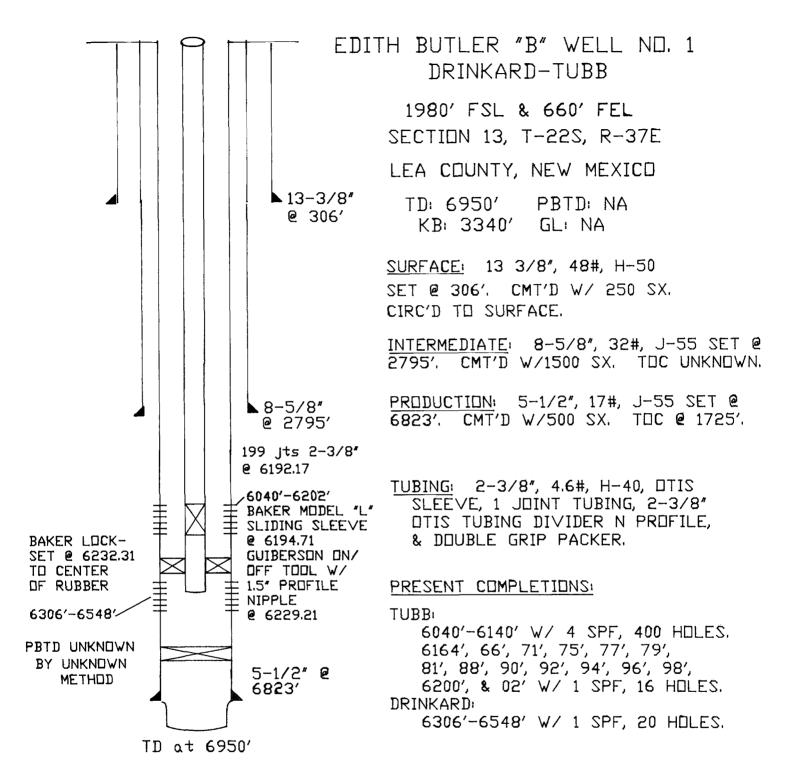
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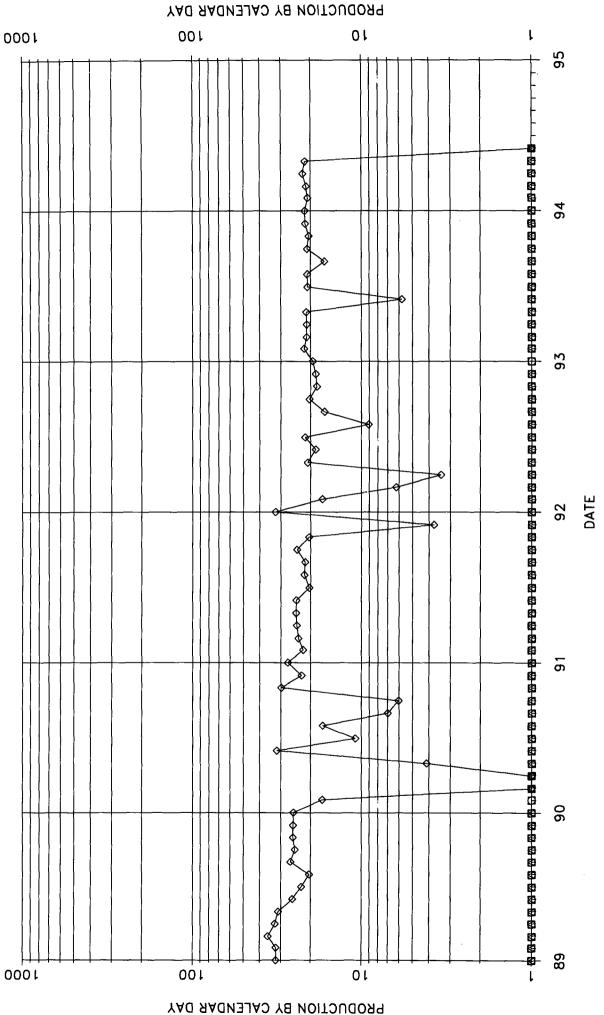
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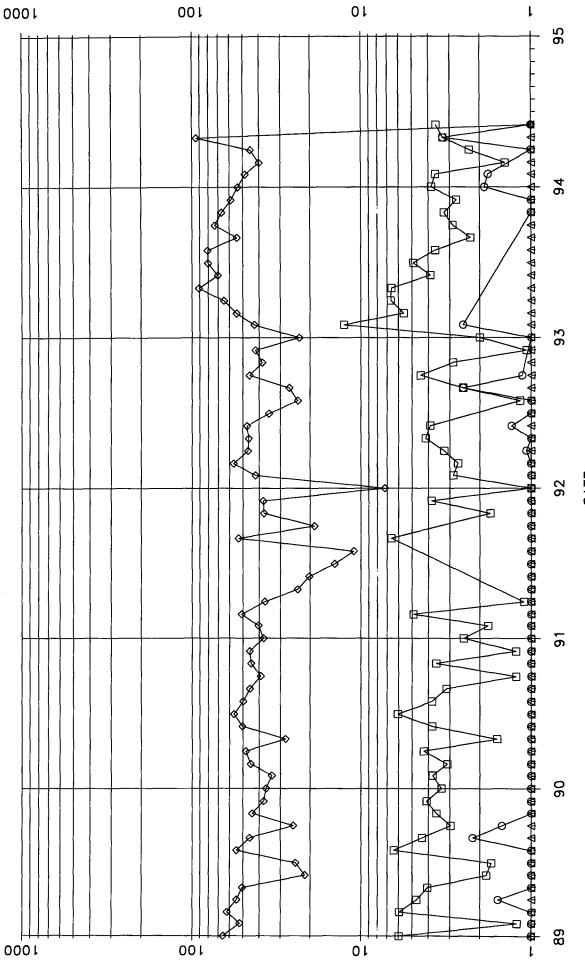


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# **OFFSET OPERATORS**

# EDITH BUTLER "B" LEASE SECTION 13, T-22-S, R-37-E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Chevron U.S.A. Incorporated 15 Smith Road PO Box 1150 Midland, TX 79702-1150

Exxon Company USA 3300 N. "A" Street PO Box 1600 Midland, TX 79702-1600

John H. Hendrix Corp. 223 W. Wall, Suite 525 Midland, TX 79701-4519

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Fina Oil & Chemical Co. 6 Desta Drive Suite 4400 PO Box 2990 Midland, TX 79702-2990

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Gentlemen:

Marathon Oil Company has filed an application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to downhole commingle the above captioned well. Enclosed, please find a copy of the application as outlined in Rule 303-A.

If you are in agreement and waive all objections to the downhole commingling, please sign below and return one copy to Marathon at the above address.

Sincerely,

T.A. Deines Northwest Operations Production Superintendent

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Yours very truly, Jerry Sexton

Supervisor, District 1

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