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DISTRICT I
P.O. Box 1860, Hobbs, NM 88241-1860

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State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-107-A
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DISTRICT II
811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2838

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Administrative Hearing

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410-1693

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

EXISTING WELLBORE

YES NO

RICHARDSON OPERATING COMPANY 1700 Lincoln St., Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80203

Operator

Address

W.F. Federal

30-1

H 30 30N 14W

San Juan

Lease

Well No.

Unit Ltr. - Sec - Twp - Rge

County

Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)

OGRID NO. 019219

Property Code

API NO.

Federal State Land/Or Fee

The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	71629 Basin Fruitland Coal		86620 Twin Mounds FT-PC
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations) ^{EST}	640-650		660-670
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Gas		Gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Pumping		Pumping
5. Bottomhole Pressure Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Gas & Oil - Flowing: All Gas Zones: <u>Estimated</u> Or Measured Original	a. (Current)	a.	a.
	b. (Original) 180	b.	b. 180
6. Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content	1000		1000
7. Producing or Shut-In?			
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Yes		Yes
* If Shut-in, give date and oil/gas/water rates of last production Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data * If Producing, give date and oil/gas/water rates of recent test (within 60 days)	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:
	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: Rates:
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula - % for each zone	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: % Gas: %

9. If allocation formula is based upon something other than current or past production, or is based upon some other method, submit attachments with supporting data and/or explaining method and providing rate projections or other required data.

10. Are all working, overriding, and royalty interests identical in all commingled zones? Yes No
If not, have all working, overriding, and royalty interests been notified by certified mail? Yes No
Have all offset operators been given written notice of the proposed downhole commingling? Yes No

11. Will cross-flow occur? Yes No If yes, are fluids compatible, will the formations not be damaged, will any cross-flowed production be recovered, and will the allocation formula be reliable. Yes No (If No, attach explanation)

12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other? Yes No

13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling? Yes No (If Yes, attach explanation)

14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this application. Yes No

15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S) _____

16. ATTACHMENTS:

- C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.
- Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.
- Data to support allocation method or formula.
- Notification list of all offset operators.
- Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.
- Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.

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

SIGNATURE Paul C. Thompson TITLE Agent DATE 4/23/98

TYPE OR PRINT NAME Paul C. Thompson TELEPHONE NO. (505) 327-4892

Exhibit "A"
Division Order DHC-2101

Monthly Gas Production Allocation Formula
W. F. Federal No. 30-1

- 1) Perform well test on the Fruitland Coal formation and on the total well production.
- 2) Determine the initial production rate from the Pictured Cliffs formation from the actual first months production from the following relation:

$$Q_{PCi} = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ Month Production} * (\text{Total well test} - \text{Fruitland coal test}) / \text{Total well test}$$

- 3) Determine Pictured Cliffs decline from the following equation:

$$D = (Q_{PCi} - Q_{PCa}) / \text{Estimated Total Pictured Cliffs Gas Reserves}$$

where:

Q_{PCa} = Pictured Cliffs rate at abandonment (304 MCF/Month)

Total Pictured Cliffs Gas Reserves = 108,950 MCF (Average of eight offset wells)

- 4) Calculate Pictured Cliffs rate at any time from the following:

$$Q_{PC} = Q_{PCi} * e^{(-Dt)} \text{ where } t \text{ is time in months since first delivery.}$$

- 5) The Fruitland Coal production will be calculated monthly from the actual measured well production for that month minus Q_{PC} .

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 District IV
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State of New Mexico
 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Form C-102
 Revised February 21, 1994
 Instructions on back
 Submit to Appropriate District Office
 State Lease - 4 Copies
 Fee Lease - 3 Copies

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

AFT Number		Pool Code	Pool Name
		86620	Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand - Pictured Cliffs
Property Code	Property Name		Well Number
	WF Federal		30-1
OGRSD No.	Operator Name		Elevation
019219	Richardson Operating Co.		5505'

10 Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
H	30	30 N.	14 W		1569	North	1104	East	San Juan

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

12 Dedicated Acres	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 Order No.
160	Y		

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

<p>16</p>	<p>17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief</p> <p><i>David B. Richardson</i></p> <p>Signature</p> <p>David B. Richardson</p> <p>Printed Name</p> <p>President</p> <p>Title</p> <p>April 22, 1998</p> <p>Date</p>
	<p>18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief</p> <p>Date of Survey</p> <p>Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor</p> <p>Certificate Number</p>

Richardson Operating
WF Federal #30-1
Section 30, T30N, R14W

Allocation Formula

The proposed well is a new drill so there is no production data available. There are several Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand - Pictured Cliffs that have produced in this township in the offsetting sections. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a summary of the Fruitland Sand - PC offset wells. The closest Basin Fruitland Coal completion is in Section 31, 30N 14W and has not reported any production.

With the exception of the Russell #2 (33-30N-14W), all of the offsetting Pictured Cliffs wells appear to only be capable of marginal production. Since the production characteristics of the Fruitland Coal formation are unknown at this time, Richardson Operating Company, proposes to down hole commingle the production.

Based on the Bushman #1 (6-29N-14W) both the Pictured Cliffs and the Fruitland Coal zones have very similar bottom hole pressures of approximately 180 psig. Therefore, cross flow will not be a factor. It is anticipated that both zones will produce some water. Neither zone is fluid sensitive and the fluids from the two zones should be compatible.

Due to the lack of production data from the two zones, Richardson Operating proposes to allocate the production according to the following method.

1. Perform well a test on the Fruitland Coal formation and on the total well production.
2. Determine the initial production rate from the Pictured Cliffs formation from the actual first months production from the following relation:

$$Q_{pCi} = \text{1st Month Production} * \left(\frac{\text{Total Well Test} - \text{FTC Well Test}}{\text{Total Well Test}} \right)$$

3. Determine Pictured Cliff decline from the following equation:

$$D = (Q_{PCi} - Q_{PCa}) / \text{Estimated Total Pictured Cliffs Reserves}$$

where:

Q_{PCa} = Pictured Cliffs rate at abandonment = 304 MCF/Mo.
Total Pictured Cliffs Reserves = 108,950 MCF which is the average of eight offset wells. (Does not include Russell #2)

4. Calculate Pictured Cliffs rate at any time from the following:

$Q_{PC} = Q_{PCi} * e^{(-Dt)}$ where t is time in months since first delivery.

5. The Fruitland Coal production can be calculated from the actual measured production for any month minus Q_{PC} .

ATTACHMENT 1.

RICHARDSON OPERATING

OFFSET FRUITLAND COAL - PICTURED CLIFFS WELLS

Well Name	Location S-T-R	Date of First Production	Cummulative Production MCF	Status
Mayre #1	31P-30-14	May-75	89,573	Active
Bi-Knobs #1	32H-30-14	Sep-87	124,180	Active
State Com #45	32I-30-14	Jan-79	95,047	P&A
Cline #1	33O-30-14	Jun-71	236,970	INA
Aztec 35 #3	35D-30-14	May-79	59,375	INA
Winifred #2	35G-30-14	Jul-79	69,966	INA
Aztec 35 #4	35N-30-14	Nov-80	195,777	Active
Aztec 35 #5	35O-30-14	Feb-81	<u>718</u>	P&A
Average			108,951	
Russell #2	33N-30-14	Oct-54	1,629,189	P&A

Richardson Operating Company
W.F. Federal 30 #1
1569' FNL & 1104' FEL
Sec. 30, T30N, R14W
San Juan County, New Mexico

The following offset Operators have received written notice of the down hole commingling application.

Mr. Chuck Moran
Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Mr. David Poage
Dugan Production Company
P.O. Box 420
Farmington, NM 87499-0420

I certify that copies of the Application for a non-standard Fruitland Coal well has been mailed to the above Operators.


Paul C. Thompson

San Juan County)
) ss
State of New Mexico)

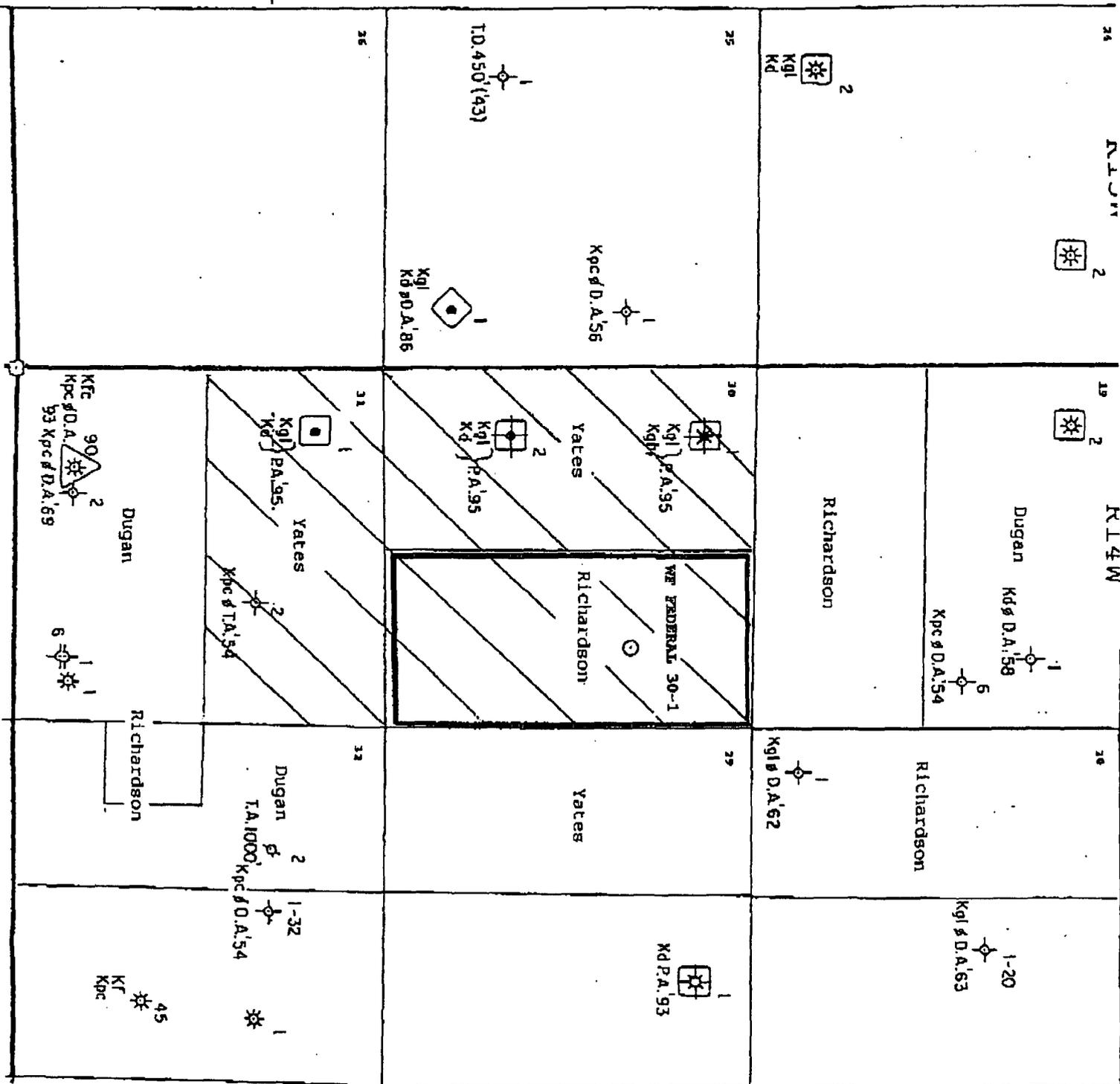
The following instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of April 1998 by Paul C. Thompson.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
July 31, 2001

RICHARDSON OPERATING COMPANY
 WF FEDERAL 30-1
 BE/ANE/4-section 30-T30N-R14W
 1104' EBL and 1569' ENL
 San Juan County, New Mexico
 Royalties and Spacing Unit:
 Fruitland Coal E/2
 Pictured Cliffs NE/4

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CERTIFIED- RETURN RECEIPT

April 23, 1998

Mr. Chuck Moran
Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Richardson Operating Company
Down Hole Commingling Application
W.F. Federal 30 #1
1569' FNL & 1104' FEL
Sec. 30, T30N, R14W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Moran,

Richardson Operating Company has applied to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division for administrative approval to down hole commingle the production from the Basin Fruitland Coal and Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand - Pictured Cliffs pools in the above referred well. As an offset operator you are being notified of this application pursuant to NMOCD rules.

If you desire to submit remarks concerning the application, please send them to Ms. Lori Wrotenberry, Director, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico, within 20 days from the receipt of this notice. If you have no objection to the proposal, no action is required on your part.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Thompson
Paul C. Thompson, P.E.



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