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Application For Unorthodox Location
Ute Indians Well A#24
795' FSL, 395' FEL, Unit P Section 34-T32N-R14W
Ute Dome Dakota Pool
San Juan County, New Mexico

Amoco Production Company hereby requests administrative approval for an unorthodox well location for the Ute Indians Well A#24 well to be drilled in the Ute Dome Dakota Pool. The spacing unit for this well is the southeast quarter of Section 34. This well is to be drilled at an unorthodox location for the Dakota as it is closer than the required 790 foot setback to the east line. The unorthodox location is being sought for two reasons; to minimize surface disturbance and to maximize geologic potential. Moving further to the North and East in this location would require much timber cutting which is not desirable to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Attachment 1 is a topographic map showing the timbered areas in yellow. Also attached is a 3-D seismic map indicating the structure and faulting on the Ute Dome. Geolgically, staying in the orange shaded area of the section as shown on attachment 2 is preferable as that area is structurally higher thus reducing the risk for producing water in the Basal Dakota sand. In addition, we want to stay to the east of the brown colored fault which cuts from the northwest to the southeast in the quarter section.

Amoco is the operator of all the offsetting quarter sections so no notice is required. A copy of this application will be submitted to the BLM and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Attached is a plat of the subject spacing unit, a topographic map of the surface conditions and a 3-D seismic map showing the geologically preferred location. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to call me at (303) 830-5344.

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Attachments

cc: Frank Chavez, Supervisor

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF UNORTHODOX LOCATION UNDER RULE 104-F

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ATTACHMENTS:

- TOPOGRAPHIC MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF ALL OFFSET WELLS
- FORM C-102 FOR DAKOTA FORMATION
- SEISMIC MAP SHOWING DAKOTA STRUCTURE AND FAULTING OF UTE DOME
- OFFSET OPERATORS PLAT

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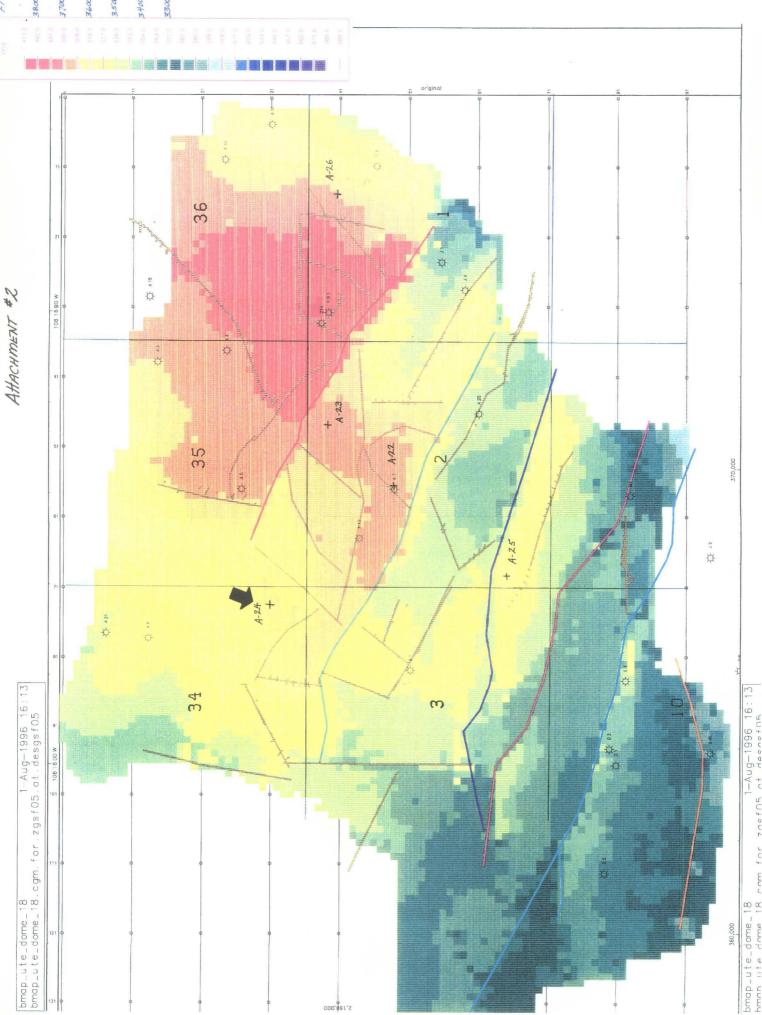
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