**GIL CONSERVATION DIVISION** 

energy corporation

August 30, 1996

Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attn: Mr. Michael Stogner

RE:

**Unorthodox Location** 

Barnsdall Federal No. 3 1090' FNL & 1650' FWL

Section 27-17S-29E

**Eddy County, New Mexico** 

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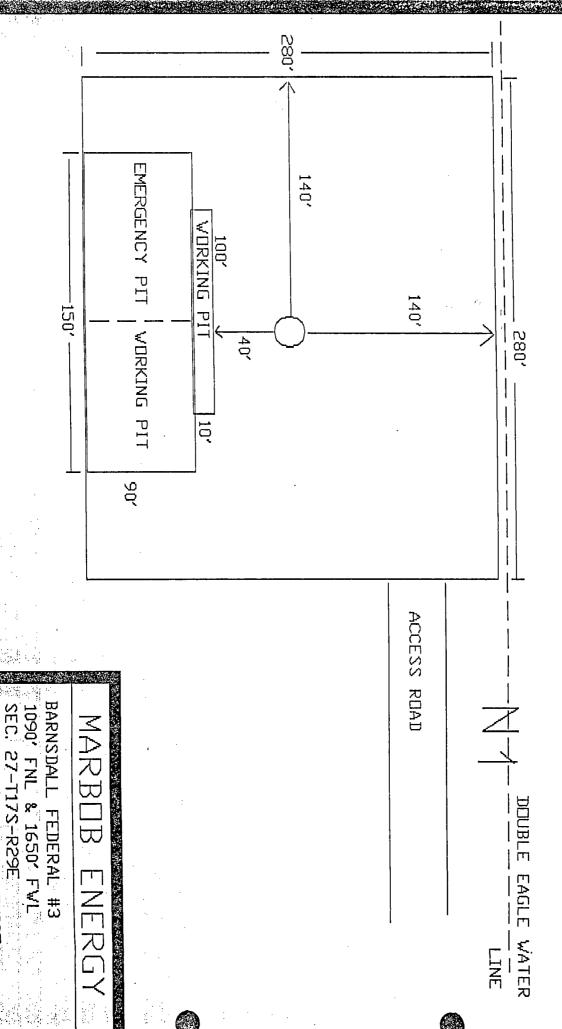
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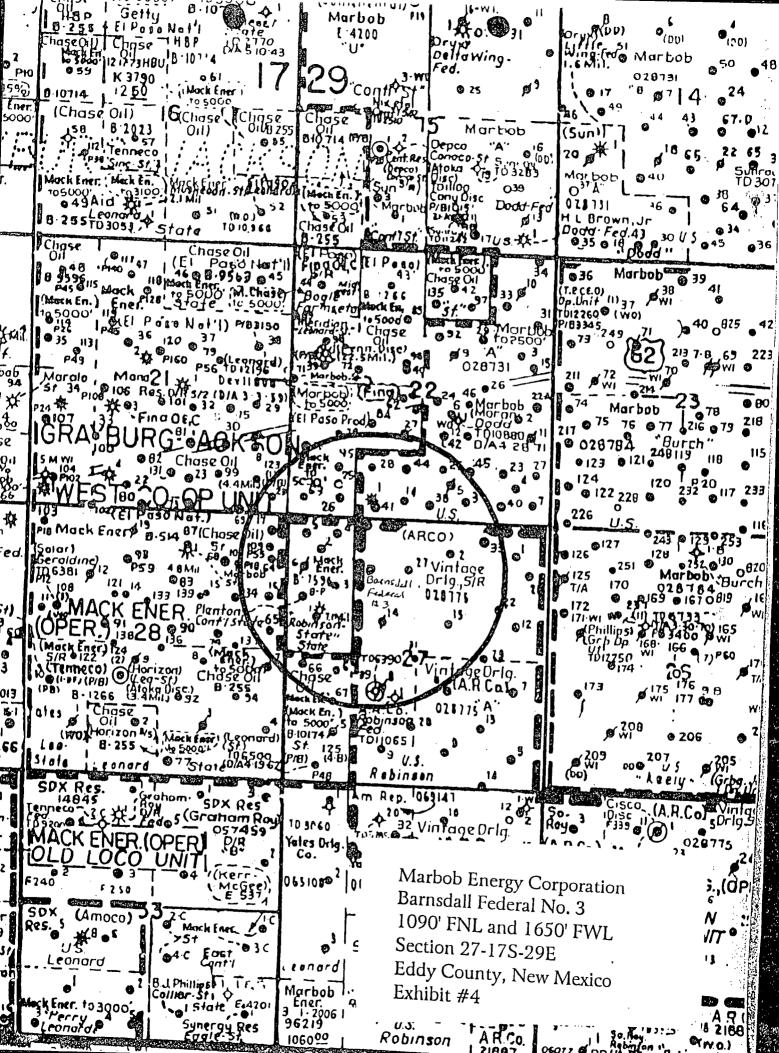
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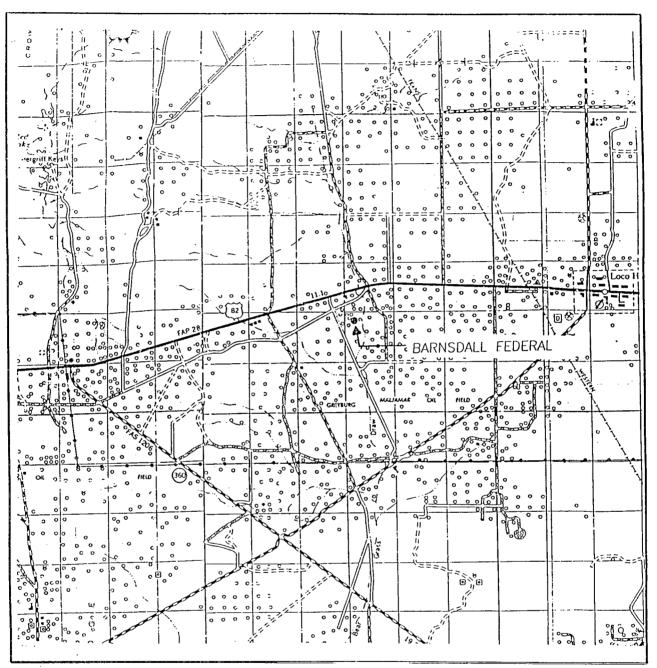
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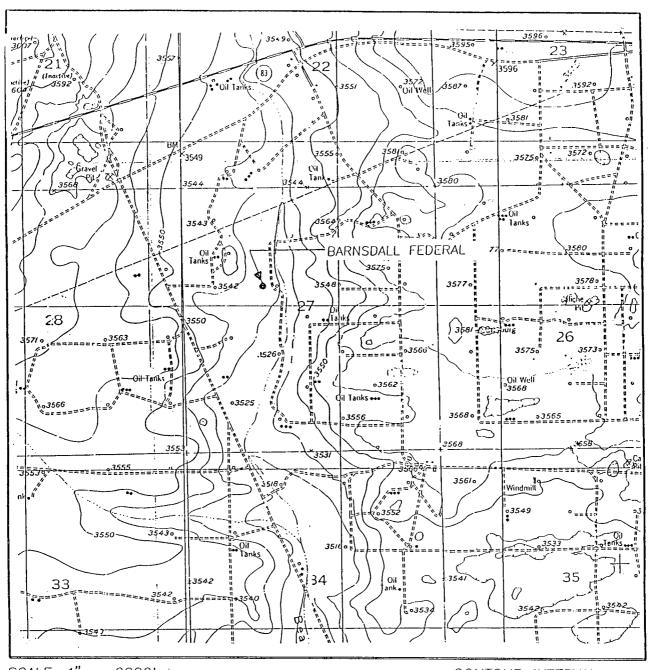


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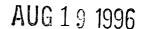


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August 12, 1996

**ARCO** Post Office Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

September 10, 1996

Marbob Energy Corporation P. O. Box 227 Artesia, New Mexico 88211-0227

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**David Martin** 

Land Department

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Application for administrative approval to drill the Barnsdall Federal Well No. 3 at an unorthodox location 1090 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Per your application dated August 30, 1996, please identify the projected depth and target interval for this well, its proposed dedicated acreage, and state in more detail the reason(s) why the "only solution, outside of moving the high pressure water line" was to move south 100 feet - am I to assume all other possible locations within the 330/330 foot square within the Unit "C" was not acceptable for this location (assuming of course this well will be on 40-acre spacing).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad

Raye Miller - Marbob Energy Corporation, Artesia

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September 19, 1996

10-2-96 Talked & / Payer Miller, will provide additions I data on drainage / pattern / geology.

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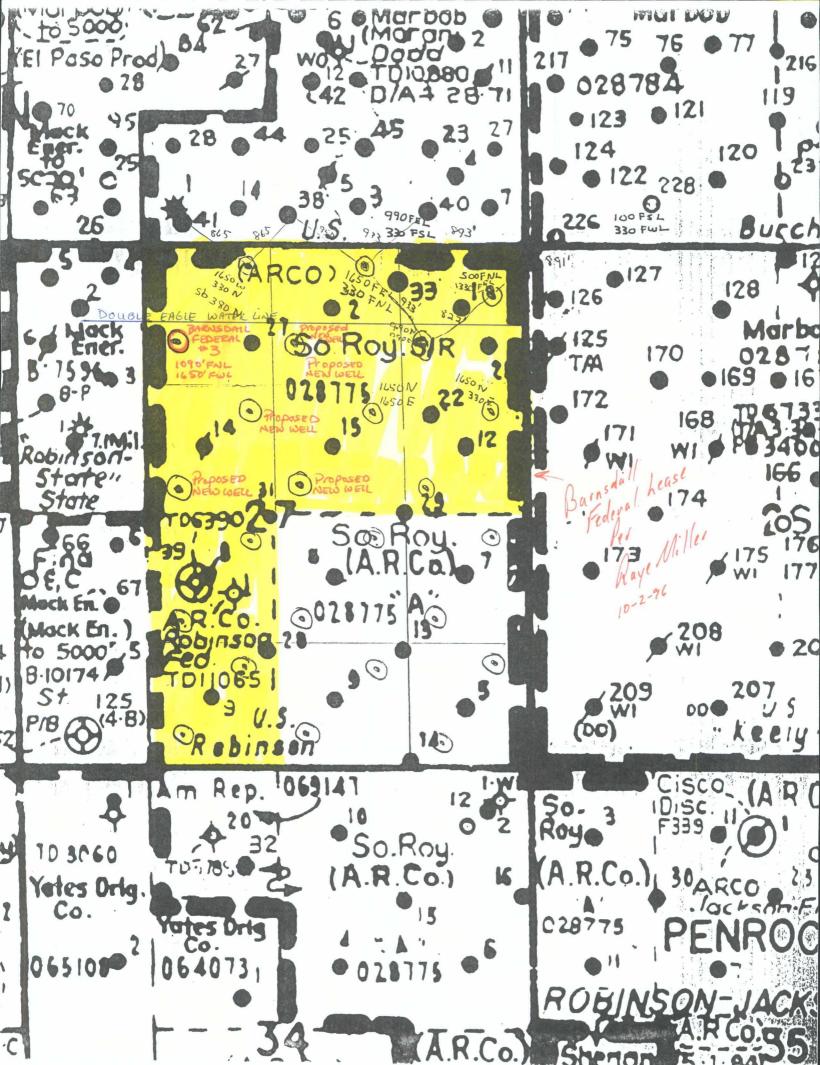
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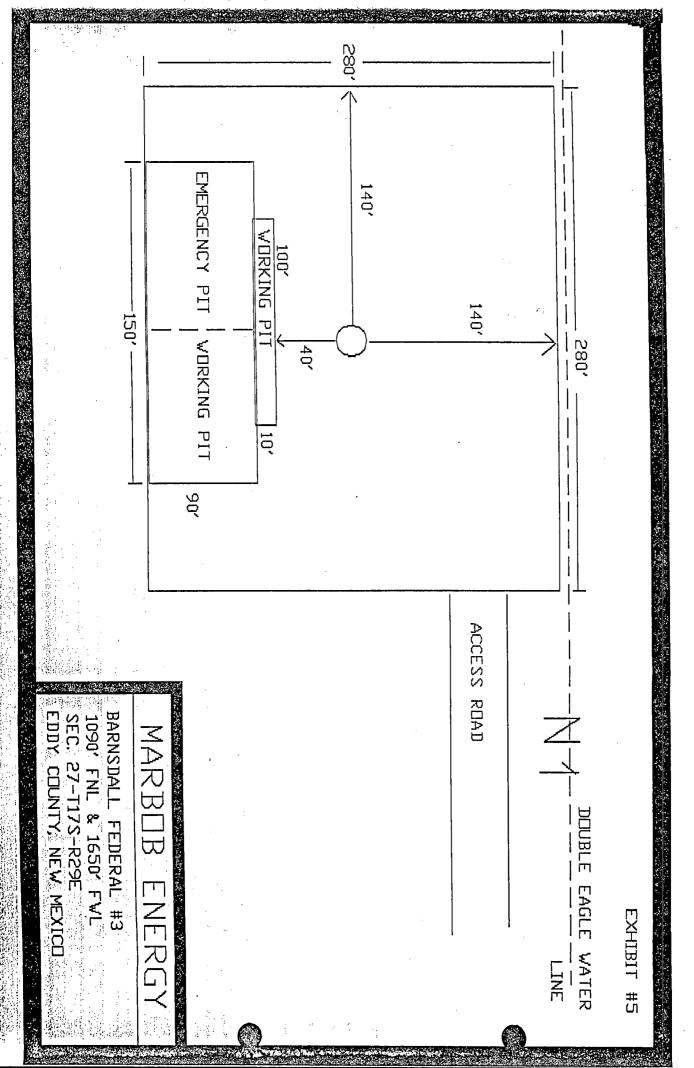
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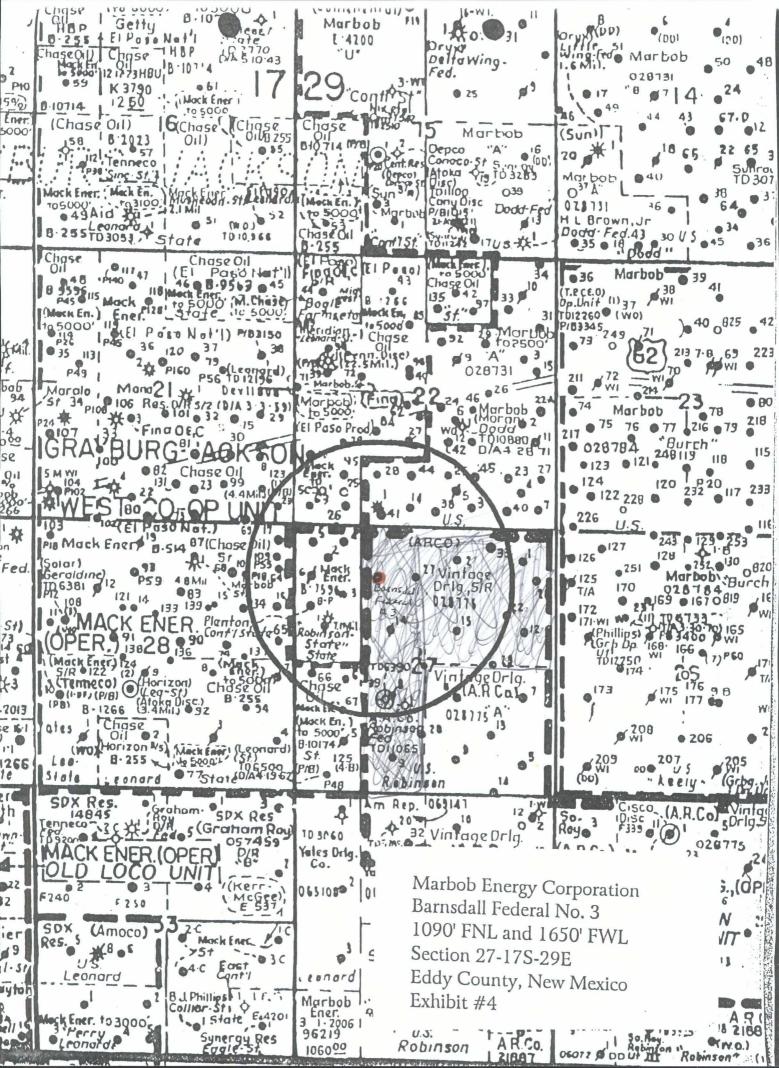
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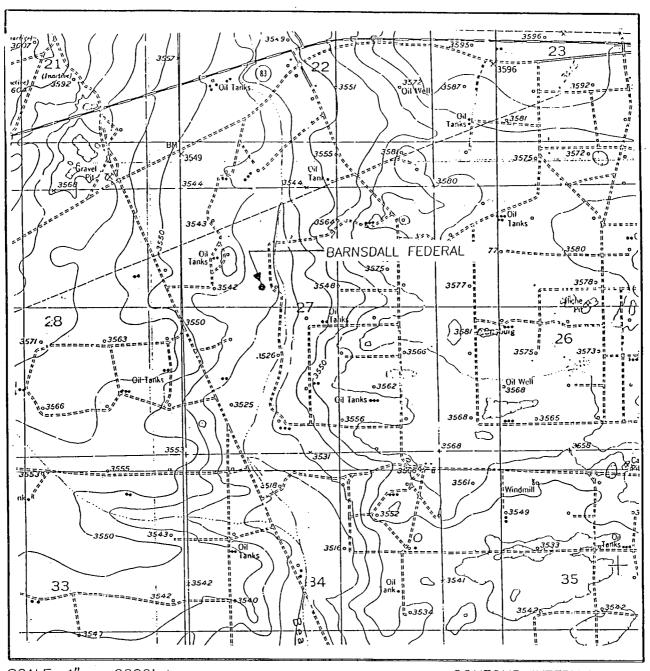
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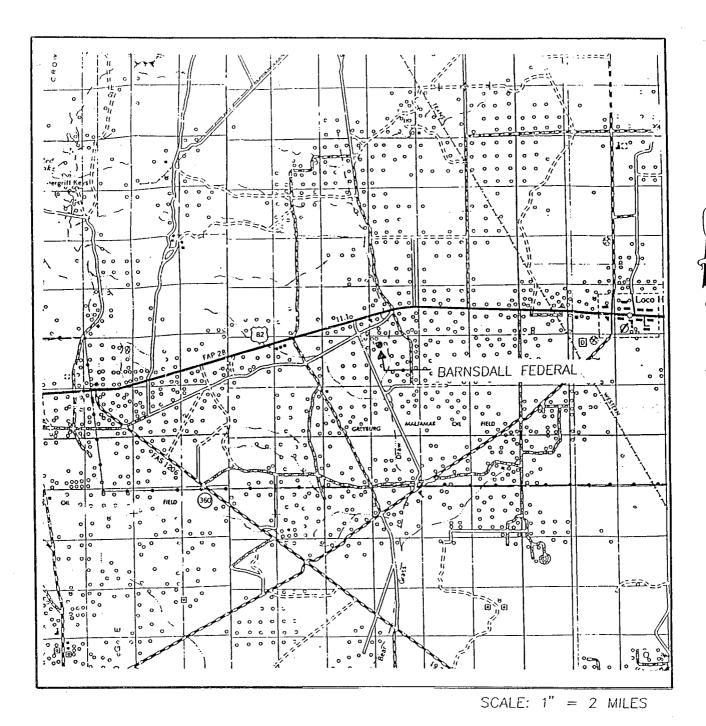


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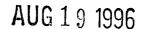
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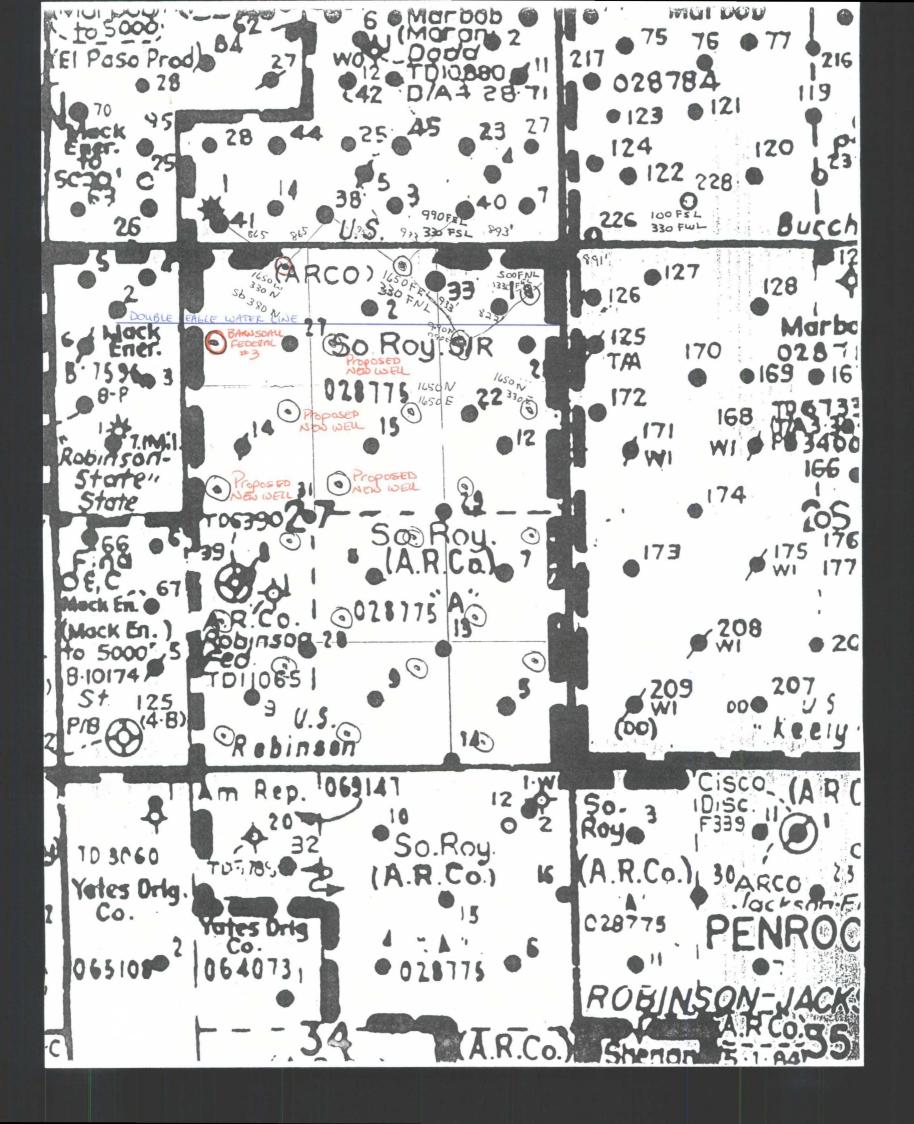
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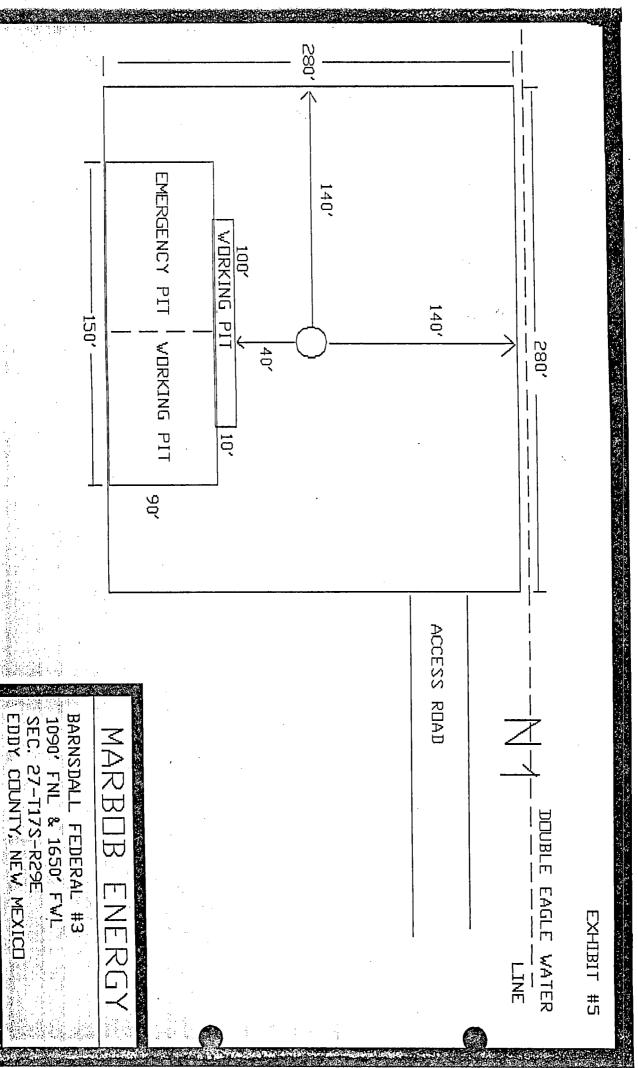
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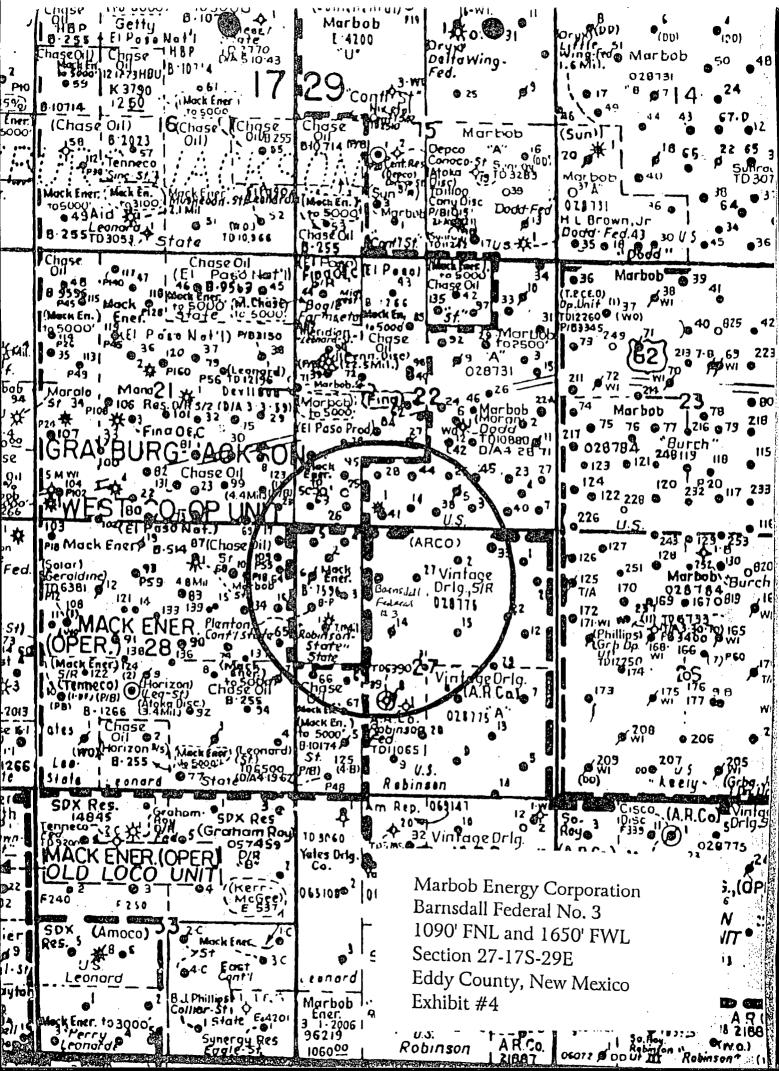
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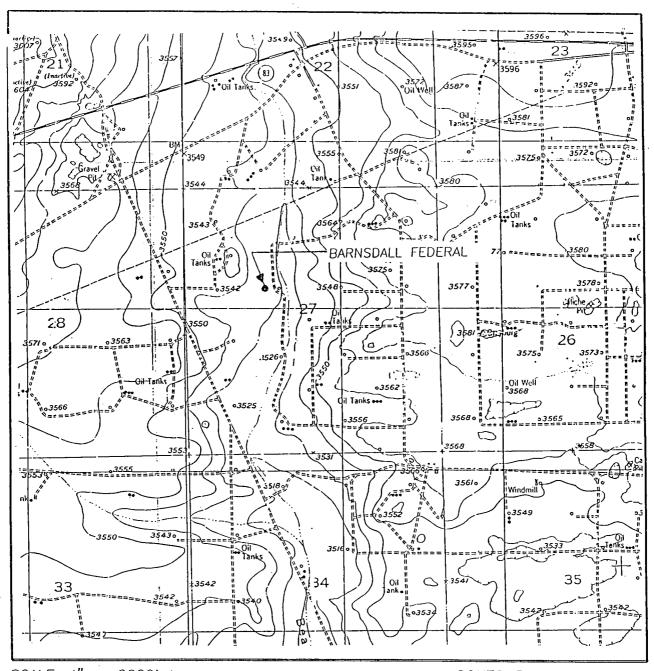
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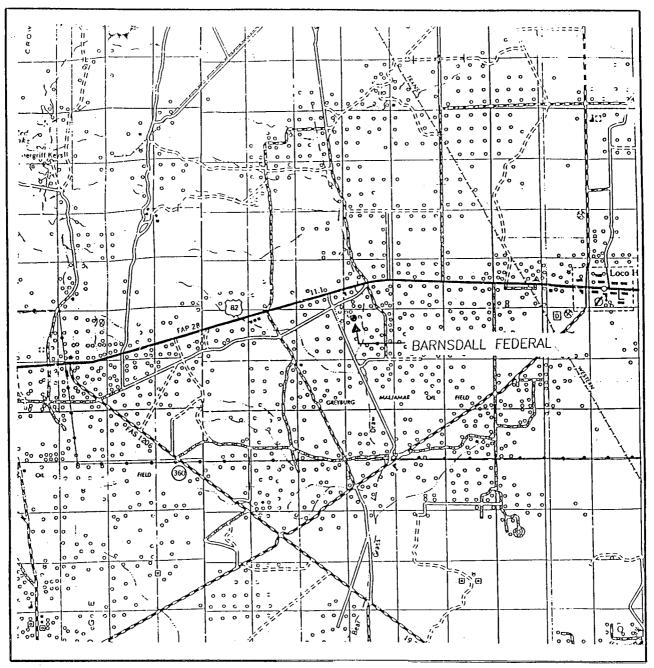


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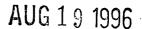


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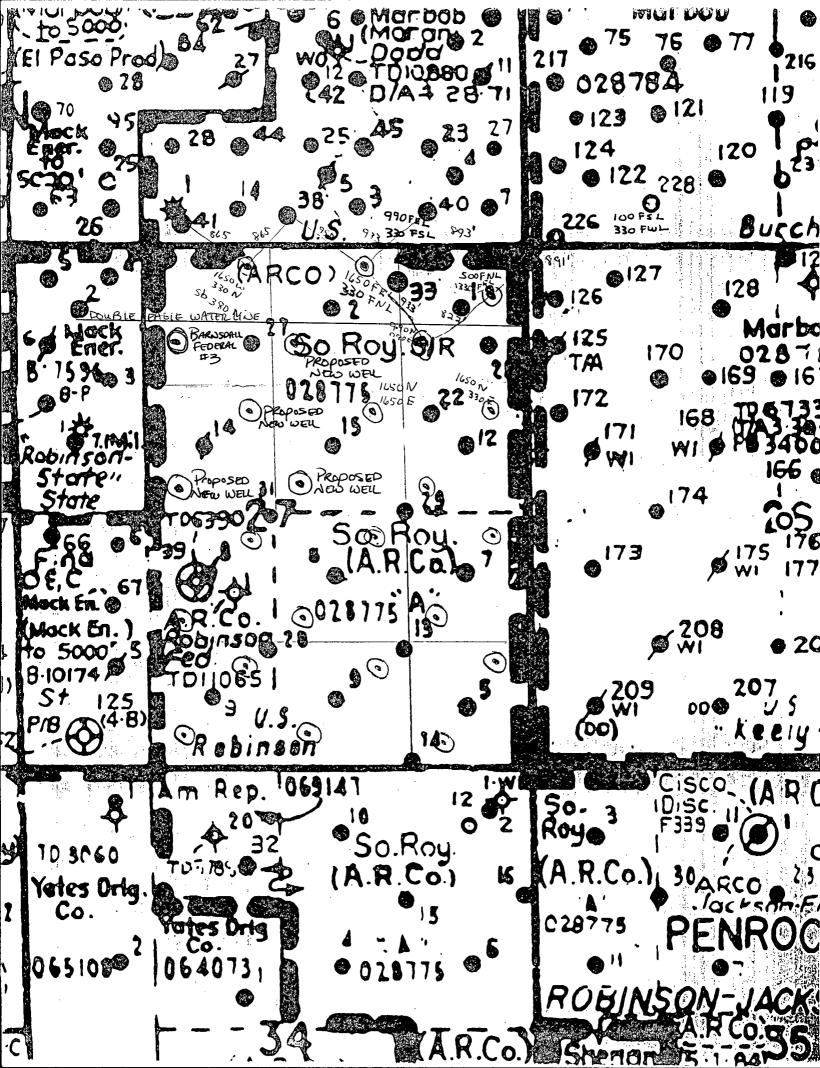
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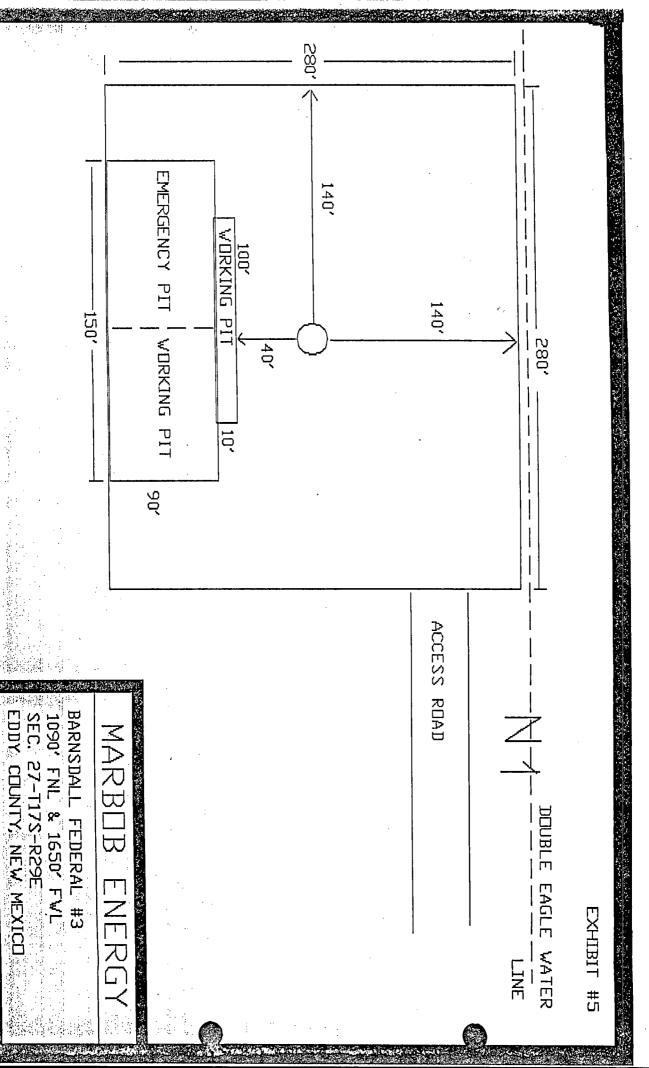
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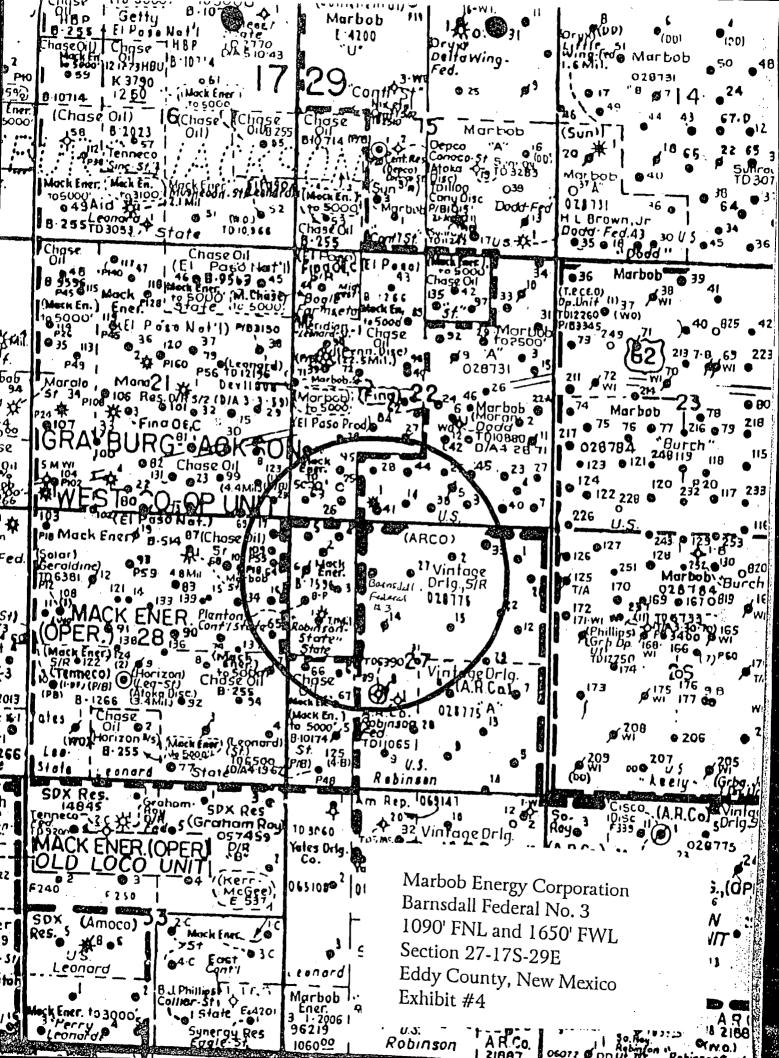
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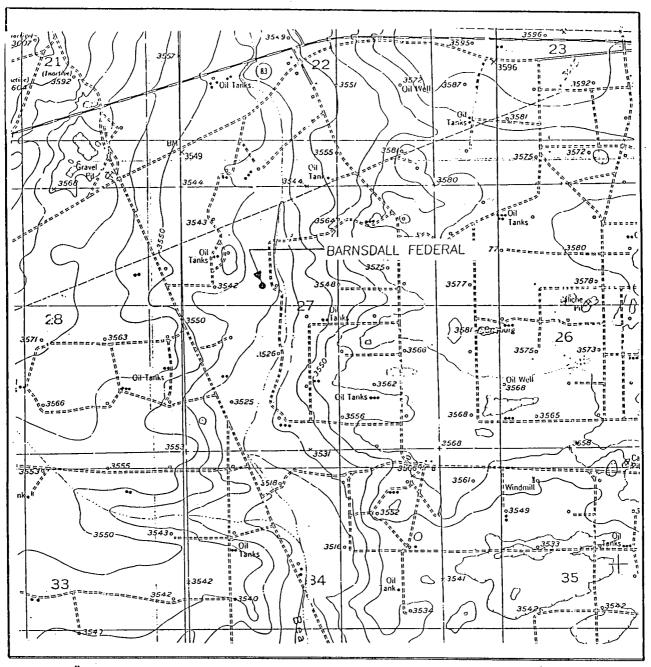
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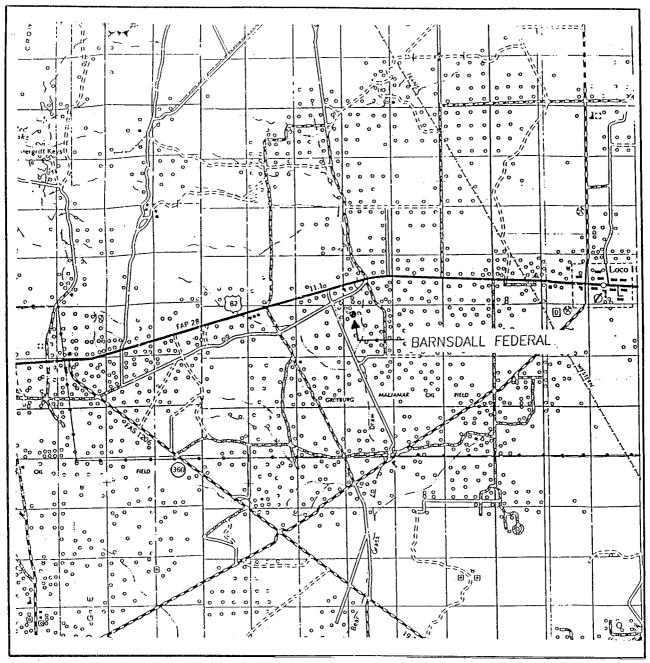
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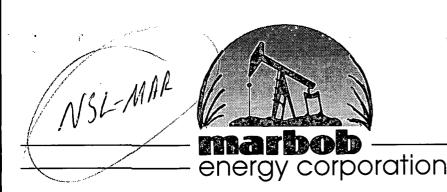
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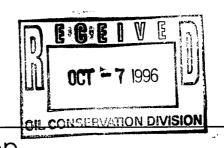
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October 4, 1996

Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Mr. Michael Stogner

RE: Supplemental Information

Unorthodox Location
Barnsdall Federal No. 3
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mike:

I apologize for our failure to clearly present our request for the unorthodox location on the Barnsdall Federal No. 3. Mike Hanagan has been buried with projects on our current drilling program, and I failed to carefully oversee the information provided to you. Hopefully, the following will provide you the additional information you need to approve the request.

The request for the unorthodox location for the Barnsdall No. 3 is based on reservoir considerations. Marbob proposed to drill the Barnsdall Federal No. 3 at an unorthodox location 1090 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico with the intent of testing the Yeso Formation. The proposed location is orthodox from the west line but is unorthodox from the north line by a distance of 100 feet.

Marbob proposes to dedicate, to the Barnsdall Federal No. 3 well, a standard spacing/proration unit comprised of the NE/4NW/4 of said Section 27.

Marbob is the operator of both, the NE/4NW/4 and SE/4NW/4 as to rights from 3,480 feet subsurface to 6,100 feet subsurface which would include the Yeso formation. As such, we are encroaching on ourselves. These tracts are part of Federal Lease LC-028775-B which covers the following acreage:

Section 27: NE/4, E/2W/2 Section 35: NE/4, E/2NW/2, NE/4SW/4, N/2SE/4 Mack Energy Corporation is the operator of the W/2NW/4 of Section 27 and the SW/4SW/4 of Section 22. The unorthodox location does not encroach upon Mack Energy and a waiver of objection signed by them is enclosed as Exhibit A.

Exhibit B is a plat showing the proposed unorthodox well location, the spacing unit for the Barnsdall Federal No. 3, the diagonal and adjoining spacing units, and lease ownership in the affected area. The spacing unit for the proposed well is outlined in red and the affected adjoining spacing unit is outlined in blue.

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As there is common ownership, both from working interest ownership and royalty interest ownership standpoints, across the lands affected by the proposed unorthodox location, there would be no encroachment on correlative rights.

Exhibit C shows the spacing pattern which Marbob Energy Corporation has employed on recently drilled wells in the Burch Keely Unit adjacent to these leases. Well numbers 228, 232, 233, 227, 243, 253, 254, 240, 251, and 252 have been drilled with approximately 900 to 933 feet being between adjacent wells. These wells have been drilled to the Yeso formation which is included in the unit depths and been completed there. No apparent offsetting depletion has been observed by drilling in this tight spacing pattern. Currently, we do not know if economic reserves will extend into Section 27 in this formation, but we have attempted to begin development to maximize the potential if it does exist. The Barnsdall Federal No. I well is currently being drilled at a location 330 feet from the north line and 1650 feet from the east line as shown on Exhibit C. Approval has also been obtained from the BLM for drilling the #2 location. As you will note, there are several additional locations shown in Section 27. The locations which fall 990 feet from the north and east and 990 feet from the north and 2310 feet from the east fall in areas of surface archaeology problems. As such, we staked the #3 location to test whether there are sufficient economic reserves to mitigate the offsetting locations. Unfortunately, the orthodox location fell near a waterline. The alternate location 100 feet south of the orthodox location should not severely impact the spacing of the other locations and yet would allow us to test whether the problem locations have sufficient reserves to justify drilling. The other alternative which would have kept the #3 orthodox would have required us to move the location to 810 feet from the north and 1650 feet from the east. This would have reduced the distance to the other possible location in the proration unit to 816 feet. At this proposed unorthodox location, we would have a distance of 865 feet to the nearest possible location in the SE/4NW/4. Additionally, we can slide that location a few feet south and increase our distance to an acceptable level while the location 2310 feet from the west and 330 feet from the north cannot slide north without encroaching on a different federal lease with different overriding royalty owners.

Based on the information contained herein, Marbob requests that the exception be granted without notice and hearing.

I hope this supplemental information will provide you with the additional material which was absent from our initial request.

Sincerely,

Raye Miller

Attorney-in-Fact

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RM/mm Enclosures

cc: Mr. Tim Gum

Oil Conservation Division

Artesia, NM 88210



August 9, 1996

Mack Energy Corporation Post Office Box 960 Artesia, New Mexico 88211



**Proposed Unorthodox Well** RE:

> Barnsdall Federal No. 3 1090' FNL & 1650' FWL **Section 27-17S-29E**

Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an application for a proposed unorthodox well located in Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me at 505/748-3303.

If you have no objection to the proposed unorthodox well, please sign below and return one copy of this letter to Marbob Energy Corporation.

Sincerely,

David Martin Land Department

DM/mm **Enclosures** 

MACK ENERGY CORPORATION has no objection to the proposed unorthodox well.

Title: VP

Exhib H A

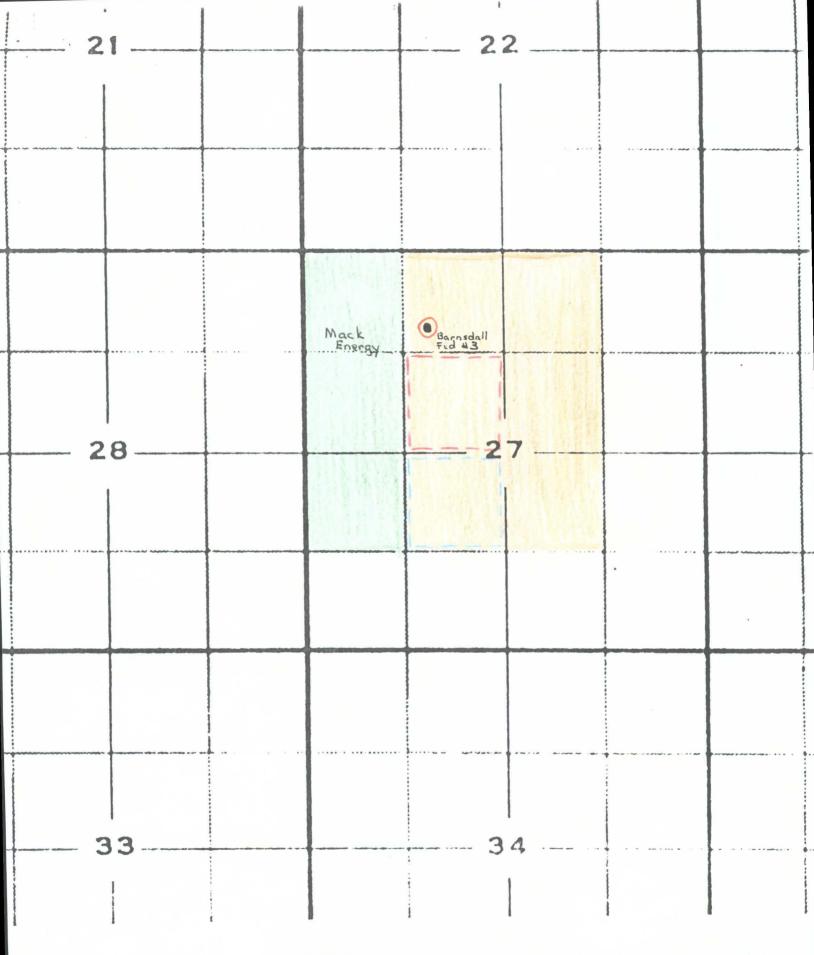
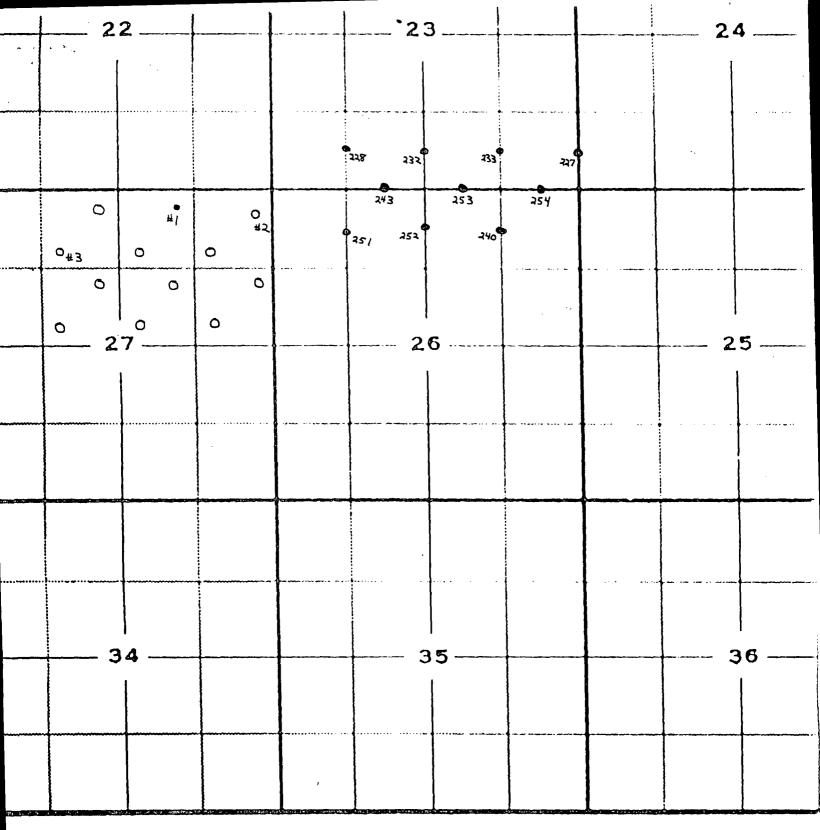






Exhibit B



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Exhibit C

CMD : ONGARD

10/09/96 13:35:38 OG6CLOG C105-WELL COMPLETION OR RECOMP CASING LOG OGOMES -EME2

OGRID Identifier : 14049 MARBOB ENERGY CORP Prop Identifier : 19485 BARNSDALL FEDERAL

API Well Identifier: 30 15 29148 Well No: 3

Surface Locn - UL : C Sec : 27 Twp : 17S Range : 29E Lot Idn :

 $\label{eq:multiple_comp} \text{Multple comp } (\text{S/M/C}): \text{N} \qquad \text{TVD Depth (Feet)}: \qquad \qquad \text{MVD Depth (Feet)}:$ 

P/A Date : Spud Date :

Casing/Linear Record:

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S Size Grade Weight Depth(ft) Depth(ft) Hole Size Cement ---- TOC ----(inches) (lb/ft) Top-Liner Bot-Liner (inches) (Sacks) (feet) Code \_\_\_\_\_\_

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10/09/96 13:35:47 OG6C101 C101-APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OGOMES -EME2

OGRID Idn : 14049 API Well No: 30 15 29148 APD Status(A/C/P): A

Opr Name, Addr: MARBOB ENERGY CORP Aprvl/Cncl Date : 09-04-1996

PO BOX 227

ARTESIA, NM 88211-0227

Prop Idn: 19485 BARNSDALL FEDERAL Well No: 3

U/L Sec Township Range Lot Idn North/South East/West

Surface Locn: C 27 17S 29E FTG 1090 F N FTG 1650 F W

OCD U/L : C API County : 15

Work typ (N/E/D/P/A) : N Well typ (O/G/M/I/S/W/C) : O Cable/Rotary (C/R) : R

Lease typ(F/S/P/N/J/U/I): F Ground Level Elevation: 3554

State Lease No: Multiple Comp (Y/N) : N

Prpsd Depth : 6100 Prpsd Frmtn : YESO

E0009: Enter data to modify record

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PF09 PRINT PF10 C102 PF11 HISTORY PF12 PF07 PF08

CMD : ONGARD

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10/09/96 13:35:58

OG6C102 C102-WELL LOCATION, DEDICATED ACREAGE PLAT OGOMES -EME2

API Well No : 30 15 29148 Well No : Eff Date :

Pool Idn :

Prop Idn :

OGRID Idn : GL Elevation :

U/L Sec Township Range North/South East/West Prop/Act(P/A)

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B.H. Locn : FTG F FTG F

OCD U/L :

Lot Identifier: API County :

If more than 1 lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated? (Y/N): Type of consolidation (Comm, Unit, Forced Pooling - C/U/F/O):

E9100: This field is mandatory

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PF07 PF08 PF09 PRINT PF10 NEXT-WC PF11 HISTORY PF12 ACRE