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April 20, 1998

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

Attention: Mr. Mike Stogner



RE: Application For Administrative Approval of Unorthodox Location and Non-Standard Spacing Unit Cedar Lake Federal #1 1385' FSL and 1410' FWL Section 18-17S-31E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mike:

Marbob Energy Corporation (Marbob) hereby makes application pursuant to Oil Conservation Division Rule 104.F.(2) and Rule 104.D.(2) for administrative approval to drill the above referenced Cedar Lake Federal #1 to the Morrow Formation based on geologic/surface terrain considerations.

Marbob proposes to drill the Cedar Lake #1 well at an unorthodox location 1385 feet from the south line and 1410 feet from the west line of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed proration unit is the south half and this would make the location have greater than the standard setback of 660 feet, but be unorthodox to the west setback by 240 feet. Additionally, the W/2SW/4 is described as Lot 3 and Lot 4 which comprise 32.20 acres and 32.31 acres respectively. Since this section is not a standard 640 acres, we would request the south half proration unit comprising 304.51 acres be dedicated to this well.

Marbob is the operator for the well with the rights in the lease being owned by Marbob and Atlantic Richfield Company. The spacing unit which this well will encroach upon is either the S/2 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 30 East or the E/2 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 30 East depending on where they might place their location. There are currently no deep wells in Section 13 so no proration units have been established. Burnett Oil Company is the operator in

Section 13, and they have been supplied with a copy of this application. We identify all adjoining proration units on Exhibit B'' with a list of the operators or listed lease owners for each tract. Each party listed has been notified and supplied with a copy of this application.

Exhibit "A" is a plat showing the proposed unorthodox well location and the proposed spacing unit for the Cedar Lake Federal #1. The spacing unit is outlined in red. Exhibit "C" shows the locations which were picked by our geologist from 3-D Seismic covering this section as the range of target for the Morrow sand channel. The red line describes the possible locations which he felt were ideal. As you will note, the northeast coordinate would have resulted in a location which was unorthodox, but only to the internal boundaries. We initially staked this as our drill site. Upon inspection by the BLM and our regulatory personnel, it was determined that the proximity of the GPM and Gas Company of New Mexico high pressure gas lines to that location (shown by the blue line) and the slope of the terrain, that if we built the location there, we would potentially undermine the sandy terrain around the lines which could result in a leak in the future.

Since this unorthodox location would avoid that potential problem, this location was final selected because of its suitable terrain. As you can see on the map of Exhibit "B", this is an area of considerable oilfield development. Finding locations that do not impact existing wells and facilities can be very difficult a times. Based on our geologic work, we believe that this location is identical in potential with the interior unorthodox location. This location has been reviewed by the BLM surface manager and our archeologist, and has been approved by both groups.

We affirm that notice has been sent to the offset operators or lease owners. We also believe that since our location is 1410 feet from the west line, it does not generate any serious encroachment on the Burnett acreage.

We would request that you consider approval of this unorthodox location and non standard spacing unit. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Raye Miller

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Land Department

cc: Mr. Tim Gumm OCD District II 811 S. 1st St. Artesia, NM 88210

ISTRICT I P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs. NM 88241-1980 State of New Mexico

Exhibit "A"

Form C-102 ed February 10, 1994 Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease - 4 Copies Pos Lease - 3 Copies

DISTRICT II P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

DISTRICT III

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe. New Mexico 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

DISTRICT IV P.O. BOX 2088, SANTA PR, N.M. 87504-2088

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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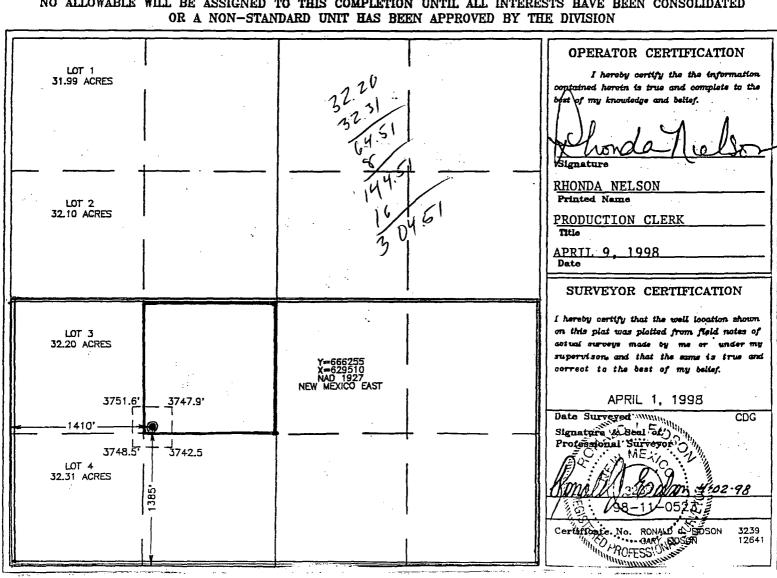


EXHIBIT "B"

Section 13: N/2 Burnett Oil Company

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Section 17: S/2 Atlantic Richfield Company Marbob Energy Corporation

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Section 18: S/2 Atlantic Richfield Company

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Fair Oil, Ltd Richard L. Ray Rogers Aston

Sunwest Bank Albuquerque, N.A. Agent for the Aston Partnership

Lincoln Aston

Sharon A. Olsen, Trustee u/t/a dated 7/31/81

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Section 17: N/2 Marbob Energy Corporation

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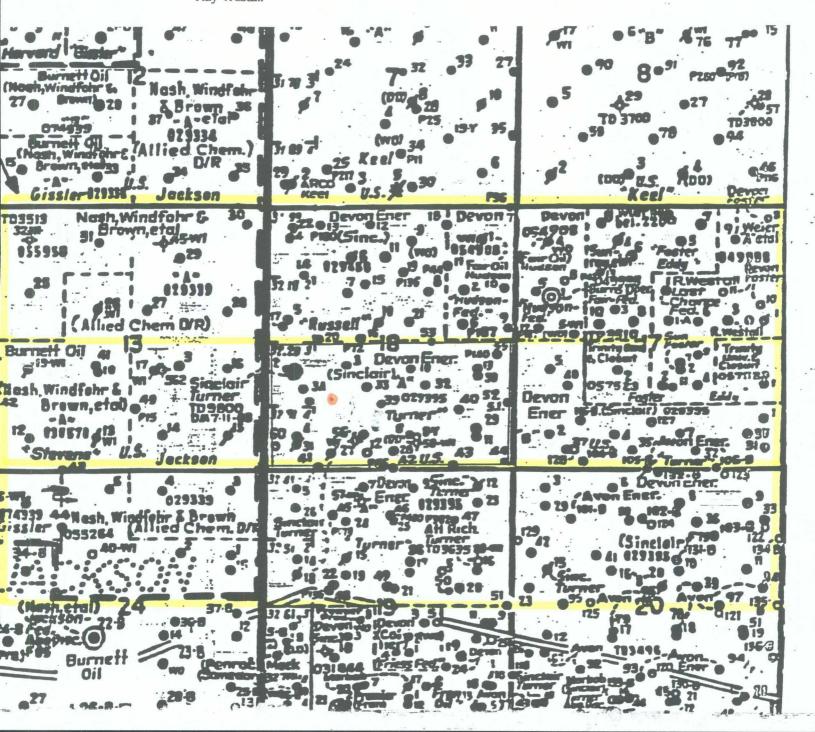
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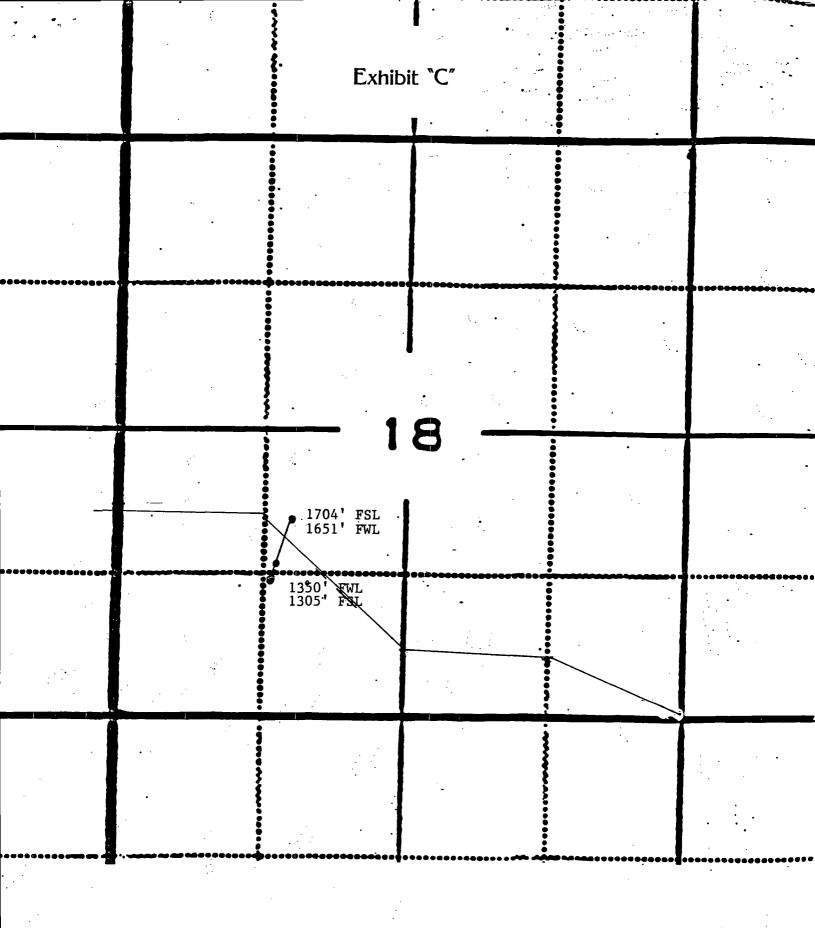
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Section 24: N/2 Burnett Oil Company

Courtesy Notice: Devon Energy (shallow operator)





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