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> > June 12, 1998

Marathon Oil Company P O. Box 2409 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-2409

Attn: Mr. Bryan L. Williams

Re: Application for Surface Commingling David Crockett "27" State Lease Unit Letter K, Section 27-18S-28E Samuel Burns "34" State Lease Unit Letter C, Section 34-18S-28E James Buchanan "33" State Lease Unit Letter I, Section 33-18S-28E Henry Courtman "4" State Lease Unit Letter G, Section 4-19S-28E Buchanan Central Production Battery Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are in receipt of your application of June 1, 1998, wherein you have requested our approval to surface commingle the production from the above wells.

We understand that production from the subject wells will be commingled and stored at the James Buchanan "33" State Well No. 1 tank battery facility located in Unit Letter I, Section 33-18S-28E.

Since it appears that there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico's beneficiaries as a result of your proposed operation, your request is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is given with the understanding that the Commissioner of Public Lands reserves the right to amend or withdraw his approval, should this operation prove to be unprofitable to the state at any time in the future. Also, our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Your \$30.00 filing fee has been received.

Please submit a copy of the Oil Conservation Division order approving this application.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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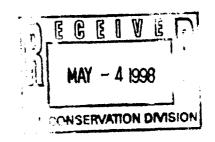
April 30, 1998

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division PO Box 2088 Santa Fe NM 87504-2088

Re: Amended Request for Exemption to Rule 309-A Surface Lease Commingling

> Henry Courtman '4' St. Lease N 1/2, Sec. 4, T-19-S, R-28-E Eddy County Travis - Upper Penn

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



James Buchanan '33' St. Lease E 1/2, Sec. 33, T-18-S, R-28-E David Crockett '27' St. Lease S 1/2, Sec. 27, T-18-S, R-28-E Travis - Upper Penn Order No. CTB-467

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery:

On April 7, 1998, Marathon Oil Company requested the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to grant administrative approval for exemption to Rule 309-A for the above mentioned leases. In the initial request, the Henry Courtman '4' lease was incorrectly shown in the E 1/2, Sec. 4, T-19-S, R-28-E. The correct location is the N 1/2, Sec. 4, T-19-S, R-28-E. Please accept this letter as an amendment notification.

Please find attached a corrected lease commingling plat. It should be noted that the initial working interest owner notifications correctly identified the Courtman lease in the N 1/2 of Section 4.

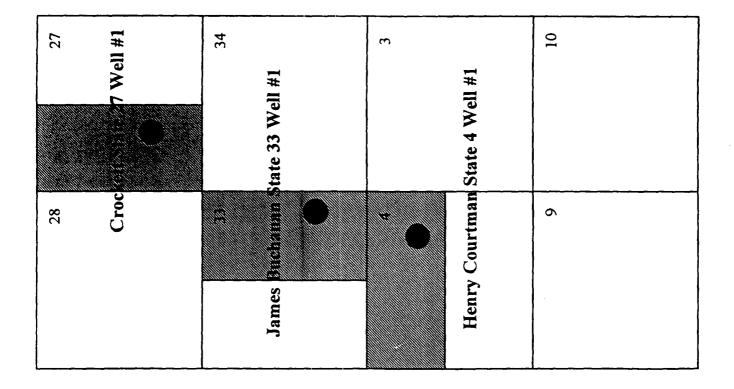
If you have any questions or comments, please advise.

Sincerely,

To Willow ur

Bryan L. Williams Production Engineer (505) 393-7106 ext. 212

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David Crockett State 27 Lease Unit C, D, E, F, K, L, M & N W/2 Section 27, T18S-R28E James Buchanan State 33 Lease Unit A, B, G, H, I, J, O & P E/2 Section 33, T18S-R28E

Henry Courtman State 4 Lease Unit A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H N/2 Section 4, T19S-R28E