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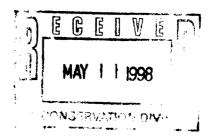
April 23, 1998

Mr. David Catanach Oil Conservation Department Energy and Minerals Department P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Application to Amend

Surface Commingling Permit No. 957

Bertha Barber Lease Production Facility Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E Monument Blinebry & Abo, Eumont Lea County, New Mexico



Bertha Barber Well No. 18Y Unit Letter L, 1766' FSL & 663' FWL Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E Monument Tubb Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests administrative approval to permit the surface commingling of production in the above mentioned pools.

Marathon Oil Company has a 100% Working Interest in the above mentioned lease. Marathon Oil Company proposes to utilize the Bertha Barber storage and sales facility currently utilized for the Blinebry, Abo & Eumont production. Production from the Bertha Barber Well No. 18Y will be sent to the facility to be separated and metered prior to commingling at the production facility. The proposed production operation is in accordance with the applicable provisions.

Please find attached a well plat and a production facility schematics. Currently, the Blinebry and Abo produce all the oil at the battery. The Bertha Barber Well No. 4 (Eumont) currently does not produce any oil. Production to the Bertha Barber facility is:

Well No.	Pool	BOPD	API	Sulfur	Price Base
Barber 10	Blinebry	8	39.4	0.9%	WTS
Barber 16 & 17	Abo	99	41.0	0.42%	WTI
Barber 18Y	Abo	10	41.0	0.42%	WTI
Barber 18Y	Tubb	64	36.4	0.47%	WTI

The commingled estimated oil production of 181 BOPD @ 39.3 API and 0.46% sulfur, is anticipated to be valued at WTI crude price. Therefore, there will not be any loss in value of the commingled production. If additional information is necessary, please contact me at (505) 393-7106, ext 201.

Sincerely.

Thomas P. Kacir

Production Engineer

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Enclosure

REQUEST FOR AMEND SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT NO. 957

Bertha Barber Well No. 18Y Monument Field

A: Operator

Marathon Oil Company P.O. Box 2409 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240-2409

B: Lease Name, Well Number and Pool to be Added

Bertha Barber Well No. 18Y Unit Letter L, 1766' FSL & 663' FWL Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico Monument: Tubb & Abo Pool

C: Plats

Attached

D: Product Characteristics

Previous commingling of these zones by Marathon and other operators have shown that the produced fluids are compatible.

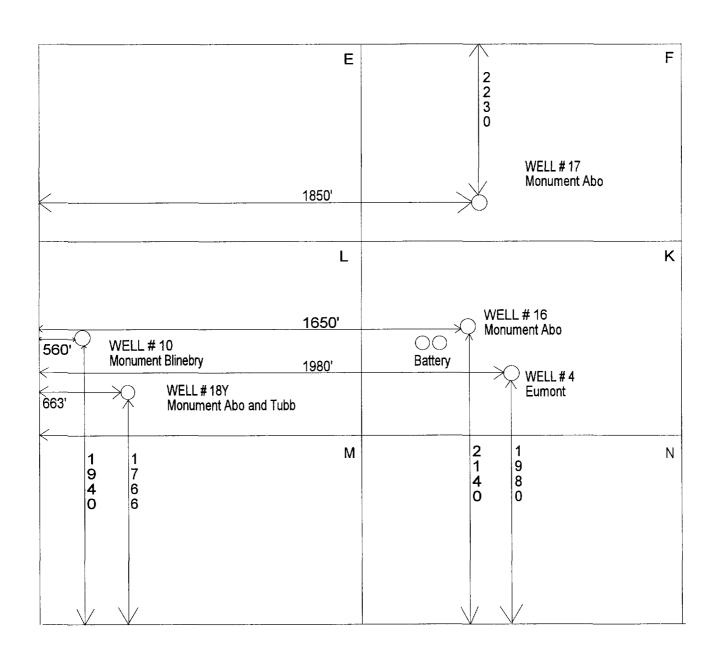
E: Value

Marathon receives the same price for product from these zones and value will not be adversely affected.

F: Ownership

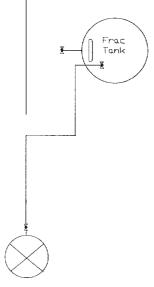
Ownership of all zones is common and correlative rights will not be compromised.

BERTHA BARBER LEASE SEC. 5, T-20-S, R-37-E MONUMENT FIELD LEA COUNTY, NM



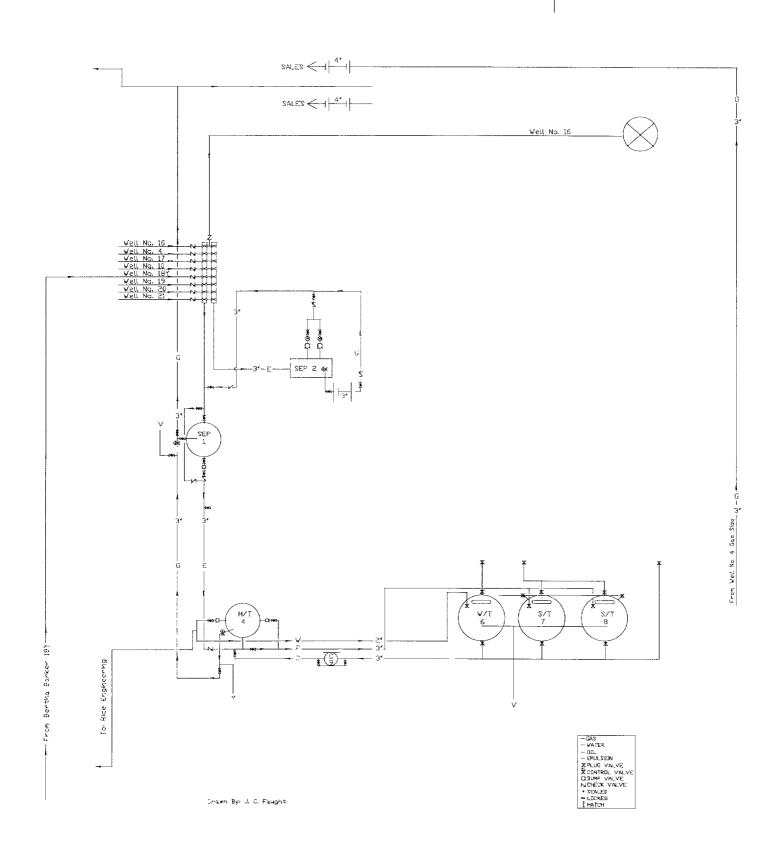


Flowline will be connected Bertha Barber Facilities when surface commingling permit is approved.



Well No. 18Y

⁻ GAS
- VATER
- DIL
- EMULSION
X PLUG VALVE
X CONTROL VALVE
Q DUMP VALVE
N CHECK VALVE
• SEALED
• LOCKED
I HATCH



Marathon Oil Company

Bertha Barber Lease Monument Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico

Well No. 18Y - Completed Well No. 19 - Not Drilled Well No. 20 - Not Drilled Well No. 21 - Not Drilled