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ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET THIS COVERSHEET IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS **Application Acronyms:** [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] Markey [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response] [1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION -** Check Those Which Apply for [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling [A] **M**NSL ☐ NSP **M**DD \square SD Check One Only for [B] and [C] Commingling - Storage - Measurement [B]☐ PLC ☐ DHC □ CTB \square PC OLS OLS □ OLM [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery □ WFX \square PMX □ SWD ☐ EOR ☐ PPR **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** - Check Those Which Apply, or \Box Does Not Apply [2] ☐ Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners [A] M Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner [B] ☐ Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice [C] [D] ☐ Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO ☐ For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or, [E] [F] ☐ Waivers are Attached **INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE** - Statement of Understanding [3]

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data, information or notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with supervisory capacity

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December 21, 2000

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Administrative Approval of Directional Drilling and an Unorthodox Bottomhole Well Location in the Strawn formation for its Weststar "13" Well No. 1 at a point 510 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East Line of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery;

Pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 104 F adopted on August 12, 1999, Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby seeks administrative approval of directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole well location for its Weststar "13" State Well No. 1. To avoid a circular irrigation system, Nearburg proposes to directionally drill this well from a surface location 330 feet from the North line and 2350 feet from the East line to an unorthodox bottomhole location in the Strawn Formation at a point 510 feet from North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. A standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 NE/4 of Section 13 will be dedicated to the well in the Strawn formation, South Humble City-Strawn Pool.

The well will be drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation. This location is unorthodox because it is governed by the Special Rules and Regulations for the South Humble-City Strawn Pool which provide for wells to be drilled on 80-spacing units and to be located within 150

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New Mexico Department of Energy,
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feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section. The subject bottomhole location encroaches on offsetting tracts to the North, West and Northwest.

This unorthodox bottomhole location is required by geological conditions. The well is targeted to intersect the top of a small algal mound in the Strawn formation which covers less than 40 acres. Exhibit A to this application is a Strawn Algal Mound Gross Isopach Map which shows that this unorthodox location is necessary to effectively produce these reserves. This location is outside the orthodox location window established by the Special Rules and Regualtions for this pool.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a plat, as required by Rule 104.F (3), showing the subject spacing unit, the proposed unorthodox well location, the offsetting wells and the diagonal and adjoining spacing units.

Exhibit C lists parties affected by this application. A copy of this application, including a a copy of the plat described above has been sent to the affected parties by certified mail-return receipt requested in accordance with Rule 1207 (A)(5) advising them that if they have an objection to this application it must be filed in writing within twenty days from the date this notice was sent.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

Attorney for Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bob Shelton

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

3300 North "A" Street Building 2, Suite 120 Midland, Texas 79705 Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 3300 North "A" Street Building 2, Suite 120 Midland, Texas 79705

Attention: Bob Shelton

Administrative Order NSL-____

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Reference is made to your application dated December 15,2000 for an unorthodox bottomhole well location in the Strawn and Devonian formations for your Weststar "13" Well No.1. Said well will be drilled to a bottom hole location in the Strawn and Devonian formations 510 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

An 80-acre spacing and proration unit in the Strawn formation comprising the W/2 NE/4 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to said well.

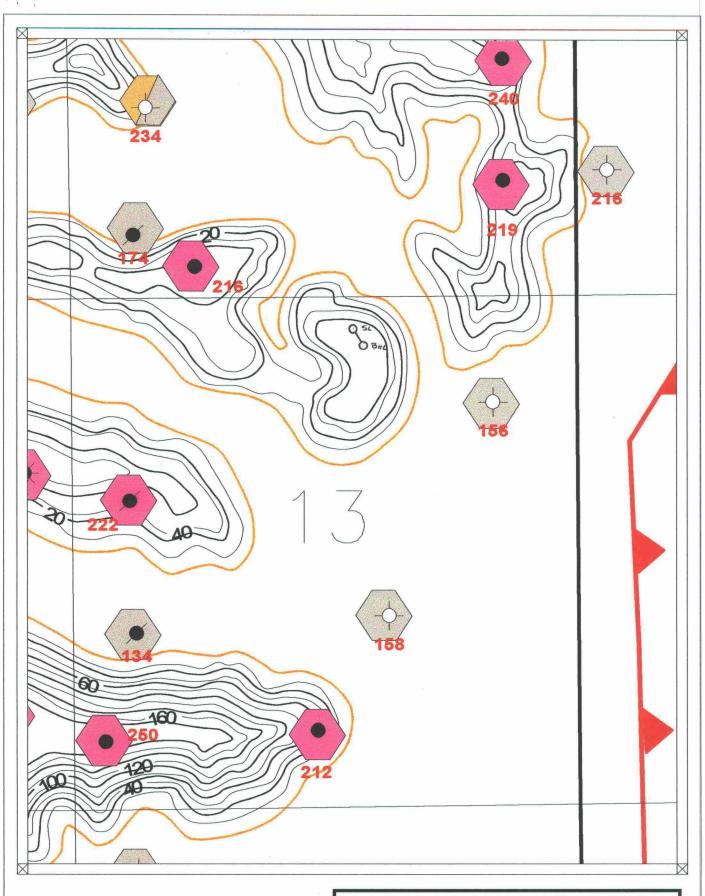
By authority granted me under the provisions of Rule 104.F(2) of the General Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), revised by Division Order No. R-10533, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case 11,351 on January 18, 1996, the above-described unorthodox well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs/Artesia

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad



Nearburg Producing Company Exploration and Production Midland, Texas

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STRAWN ALGAL MOUND GROSS ISOPACH MAP



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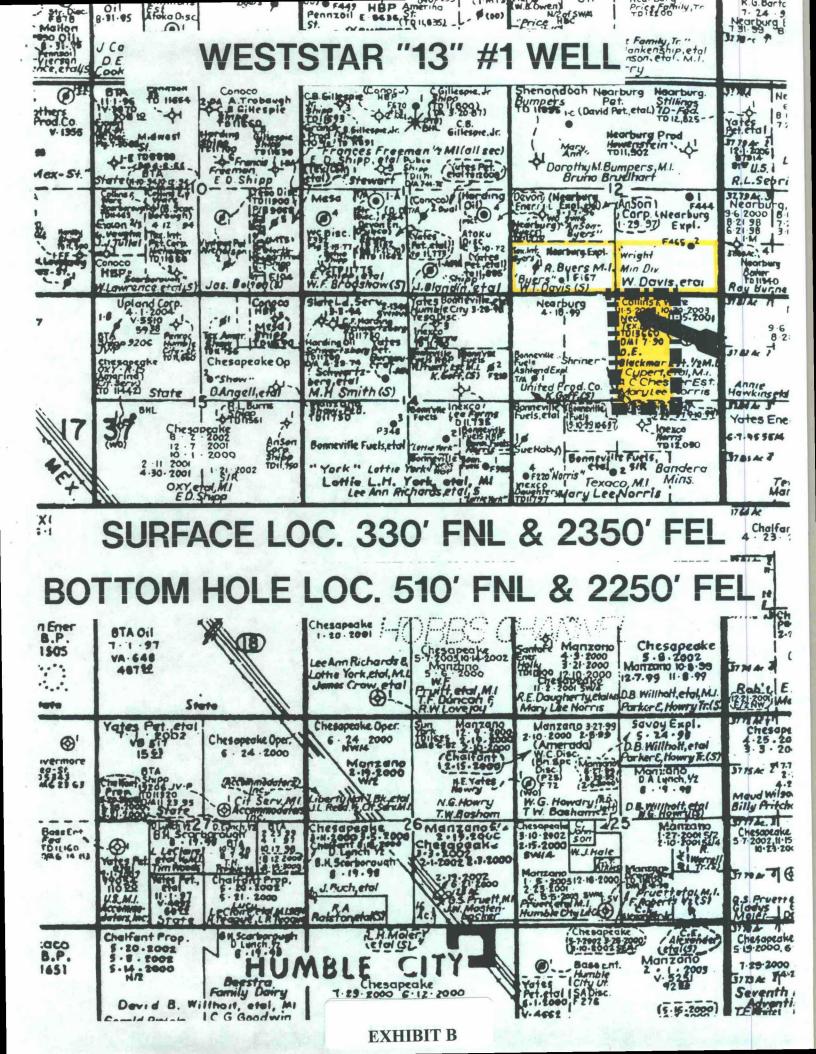


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AFFECTED PARTIES

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December 21, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: ALL AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS:

Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, for administrative approval of directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole well location in the Strawn formation for its Weststar "13" Well No. 1, at a point 510 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the Oil Conservation Division on this date by Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for administrative approval of directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole well location for its Weststar "13" Well No. 1, at a point 510 feet from the north line and 2250 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

As the owner of an interest which will be affected by the proposed well, you may object to this application. Objections must be filed in writing at the Division's Santa Fe office within twenty days from the date this notice was sent to you. If no objection is received within twenty days after the Division Director receives this application, the unorthodox location may be approved.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

enc.

cc: Bob Shelton

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

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RED BLUFF-BONE SPRING POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6876, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-25-S, R-28-E NE/4 Sec. 27.

WILLOW LAKE-BONE SPRING POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6876, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7048, September 1, 1982; Order No. R-7322, August 1, 1983; Order No. R-9241, August 1, 1990.

T-24-S, R-28-E N/2 N/2 Sec. 32; N/2 NW/4, NE/4 Sec. 33; N/2 Sec. 34; Secs. 35, 36.

EAST MONUMENT-PADDOCK POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-19-S, R-37-E SE/4 Sec. 36.

RHODES YATES-SEVEN RIVERS GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6891, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7372, November 1, 1983; Order No. R-7554, July 1, 1984; Order No. R-7858, April 1, 1985; Order No. R-9585, October 1, 1991; Order No. R-9615, December 1, 1991; Order No. R-9646, April 1, 1992; Order No. R-9723, October 1, 1992; Order No. R-11116, January 1, 1999.

T-26-S, R-37-E Sec. 4; W/2 Sec. 5; E/2 Sec. 6; N/2, E/2 SE/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 8; Sec. 9; W/2 Sec. 10; W/2 Sec. 14; Secs. 15, 16; NE/4, E/2 W/2, E/2 SE/4 Sec. 17; N/2 & SE/4 NE/4 Sec. 21; N/2, N/2 & SE/4 SE/4, NE/2 SW/4 Sec. 22; S/2, NW/4 Sec. 23; NE/4 Sec. 26.

ROSS DRAW-MORROW GAS POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-26-S, R-30-E Sec. 27.

SOWELL-MORROW POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-6967, May 1, 1982.

T-15-S, R-32-E SW/4 Sec. 2; NW/4 Sec. 11.

EAST BOOTLEG RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7307, July 1, 1983.

T-22-S, R-33-E Sec. 15.

EAST CUSTER-DEVONIAN GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6914, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7222, March 1, 1983; Order No. R-7279, June 1,

1983.

T-25-S, R-37-E NE/4, W/2 Sec. 6; NW/4, S/2 Sec. 7.

SOUTH HUMBLE CITY-STRAWN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6913, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7372, November 1, 1983; Order No. R-8193, April 1, 1986; Order No. R-8256, July 1, 1986; Order No. R-8299, October 1, 1986; Order No. R-9194, June 1, 1990; Order No. R-10419, August 1, 1995; Order No. R-10488, November 1, 1995; Order No. R-10595, May 10, 1996.

T-17-S, R-37-E S/2 Sec. 12; N/2, E/2 SW/4 Sec. 13; NE/4 Sec. 14.

NORTH KING-DEVONIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7858, April 1, 1985.

T-13-S, R-37-E N/2 Sec. 3.

NORTH LOVING-ATOKA GAS POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7009, July 1, 1982; Order No. R-7279, June 1, 1983; Order No. R-7502, May 1, 1984; Order No. R-9171, June 1, 1990.

T-23-S, R-27-E Sec. 12; E/2 Sec. 13; E/2 Sec. 24. T-23-S, R-28-E Secs. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18; E/2 Sec. 19; Sec. 21; E/2 Sec. 30.

TEAGUE-DRINKARD POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-23-S, R-37-E NE/4 Sec. 17.

(SOUTH PETERSON-PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED (FORMERLY SOUTH PETERSON-PENNSYLVANIAN) POOL - Cont'd.)

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH PETERSON-PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED POOL

RULE 2. (a) A standard oil proration unit shall be 40 acres. A standard gas proration unit shall be 320 acres.

RULE 6. That the limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 4000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the South Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool or in the Pennsylvanian formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Division in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 1, 1982.
- (2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 70-2-18, N.M.S.A. 1978 Comp., contained in Laws 1969, Chapter 271, existing oil wells in the South Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool shall have dedicated thereto 40 acres and existing gas wells shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in existing gas wens shan have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 70-2-18, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Division and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Division dedicating the appropriate acreage to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Division within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the South Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool or in the Pennsylvanian formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than an 40-acre allowable for the pool.

(3) That the South Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool as heretofore defined and described in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, is hereby expanded to include the following described acreage:

TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 30: NW/4

TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

Section 11: S/2 Section 12: S/2

Section 12:

Section 13: N/2

- (4) That the effective date of this Order and of the pool reclassification, special pool rules and pool extension included herein shall be December 1, 1981.
- That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

SOUTH HUMBLE CITY-STRAWN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6913, Creating and Adopting Temporary Operating Rules for the South Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, March 1, 1982, as Amended by Order No. R-6913-A, March 5, 1982.

Order No. R-7211, February 21, 1983, continues in effect the temporary rules adopted in Order No. R-6913 (continued for six months.)

Order No. R-7211-A, October 21, 1983, makes permanent the rules adopted in Order No. R-6913, as amended.

Application of Inexco Oil Company for Pool Creation, Special Pool Rules, and a Discovery Allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 7473 Order No. R-6913

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 3, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 5th day of March, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Inexco Oil Company, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Strawn production, the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 160-acre spacing and proration units, and the assignment of 57,150 barrels of oil discovery allowable to the discovery well, applicant's Lottie York Well No. 1, located 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Mexico.
- (3) That although said Lottie York Well No. 1 is located within one mile of the Humble City-Strawn Pool, the geological evidence presented at the hearing does appear to indicate that said well is producing from a separate common source of supply, and that as the discovery well for said pool, the Lottie York Well No. 1, completed in the Strawn formation through perforations from 11,430 feet to 11,462 feet should be assigned an oil discovery allowable in the amount of 57,150 barrels.
- (4) That although applicant has requested special pool rules for the subject pool providing for 160-acre spacing and proration units, there is insufficient evidence presently available to justify such spacing, even on a temporary basis, and said request should be denied.
- (5) That there is ample evidence in the record of this case to justify the establishment of 80-acre spacing and proration units on a temporary basis, and such temporary spacing should be adopted for a period of one year.

(SOUTH HUMBLE CITY-STRAWN POOL - Cont'd.)

- (6) That such temporary rules will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights and should be approved.
- (7) That during the one-year period in which this order is in effect, applicant should gather all available information relative to drainage and recoverable reserves in the subject pool.
- (8) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in February, 1983, at which time operators in the subject pool should appear and show cause why the subject pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing and proration units.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) That a new pool for Strawn production, classified as an oil pool with vertical limits comprising the Strawn formation of Pennsylvanian age, is hereby created and designated as the South Humble City-Strawn Pool, comprising the following described lands in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 14: SE/4

- (2) (As Amended by Order No. R-6913-A, March 5, 1982) That the discovery well for said pool, the Inexco Oil Company Lottie York Well No. 1, located in Unit P of said Section 14 is hereby assigned an oil discovery allowable of 57,150 barrels.
- (3) That special rules and regulations for the South Humble City-Strawn Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows, effective March 1, 1982.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH HUMBLE CITY-STRAWN POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile of the South Humble City-Strawn Pool, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Strawn pool shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and prorated in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well completed or recompleted in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool shall be located on a unit containing 80 acres, more or less, which consists of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a single governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.
- RULE 3. For good cause shown, the Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when the application is for a non-standard unit comprising a single quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by presistent or continuous and the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Director may approve the application if, after a period of 30 days, no

offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit.

The allowable assigned to any such non-standard unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

RULE 4. Each well drilled in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool shall be located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

RULE 5. An 80-acre proration unit (79 through 81 acres) in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool shall be assigned an 80-acre depth bracket allowable of 445 barrels per day and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the location of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Division in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 1, 1982.
- (2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 70-2-18, NMSA 1978 Comp., existing wells in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool shall have dedicated thereto 80 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 70-2-18, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Division and dedicated

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Division dedicating 80 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Division within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool.

- (3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in February, 1983, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the South Humble City-Strawn Pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration units.
- That applicant's request for 160-acre spacing and proration units is hereby denied.
- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.