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Mid-Continent Region Exploration/Production Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W Midland, TX 79705-4500 (915) 686-5400

October 21, 1998

Mr. Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application for Non-Standard Location Conoco State A 29 #8 Section 29, T-18-S, R-38-E. K 2150' FSL & 1800' FWL API # 30-025-23048 Byers Queen Gas Pool Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner,

Thank you for the recommendation to twin Exxon's neighboring 80-acre non-standard unit. (See highlighted paragraph on attachment). Conoco would like to re-submit our application for a non-standard location request for the above referenced well. We would like to test the Byers Queen gas pool in this well. As previously stated, the economics of a new drill well (at a standard location) are marginal and this wellbore is likely our last remaining opportunity to test the Queen on our lease. Utilization of the #8 wellbore will prevent economic waste by allowing access to test the Byers gas potential on this acreage.

The offset operator plat shows the operators that could be affected by this non-standard location, a copy of this re-submitted application has been sent to them via certified mail (See attached evidence) Conoco, Inc. requests a non-standard location order be granted based on the reasons stated above. If there are any further question concerning this application please call me at (915) 686-5798.

Sincerely.

Kay Maddex

Regulatory Agent

Cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

October 7, 1998

Conoco, Inc. 10 Desta Drive - Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attn: Kay Maddox

Re:

Application for a non-standard 120-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Byers-Queen Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, which is to be dedicated to the State "A-29" Well No. 8 (API No. 30-025-23048), located 2150 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 29.

Dear Ms. Maddox:

The Division is returning the subject application to you at this time. Gas wells in the Byers-Queen Gas Pool are spaced on drilling tracts consisting of 160 surface contiguous acres, more or less, substantially in the form of a square which is a quarter section, being a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Lands survey, this pursuant to **Division General Rule 104.C(2)(a)**. Rule 104.D(2)(b)(i), which is also applicable in this matter, provides for the formation and administrative approval of non-standard units provided they consists of contiguous quarter-quarter sections or lots and <u>lay wholly within a single governmental quarter section</u>. Since your proposed 120-acre unit crosses a quarter section line, this application can only be considered after notice and hearing.

There is however another option that exists which allows for administrative review and that would be for Conoco, Inc. to twin Exxon's neighboring 80-acre non-standard unit that comprises the W/2 SW/4 of Section 29 that is dedicated to their Bowers "A" Federal Well No. 28 (API No. 30-025-23022), located 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 29 [see Division Administrative Order NSP-1746(L), dated November 16, 1995], with an 80-acre unit that comprises just the E/2 of Section 29.

Should you wish to proceed with the formation of the proposed 120-acre unit, please request a hearing pursuant to Division General Rule 1203.A, also Conoco will be required to provide notice pursuant to Division General Rule 1207.A.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-8185.

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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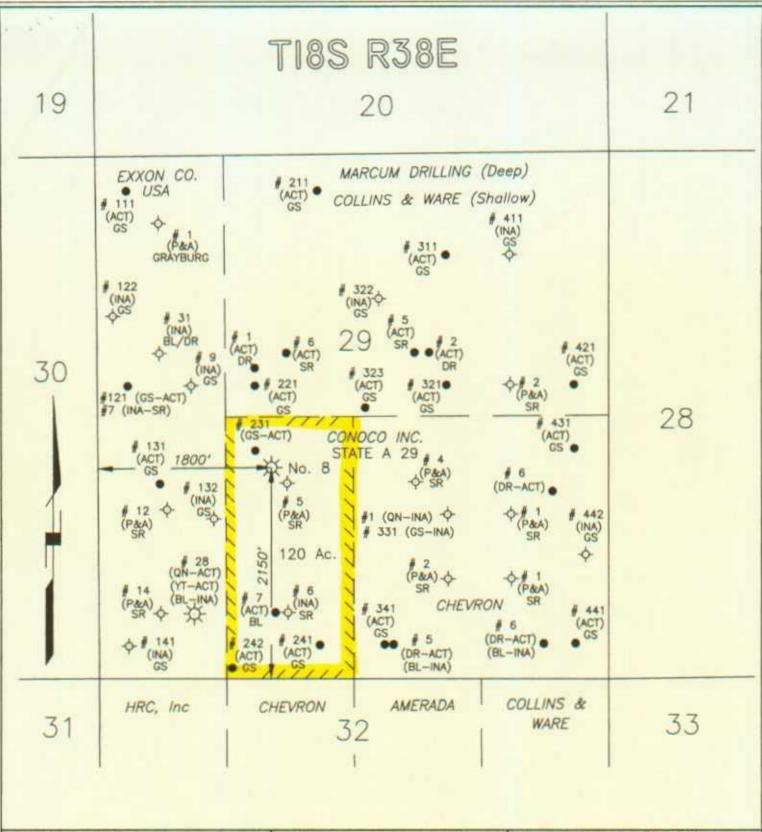
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Jimmy D. Carlile, Conoco, Inc. - Midland, Texas



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Notification of Offset Operators:

Exxon Exploration 233 Ben Mar Houston, TX 77060-2544

Marcum Drilling Co PO Box 3699 Midland, TX 79702-3699

Collins & Ware 508 W. Wall Ave STE 1200 Empire Plaza Midland, TX 79701-5076

Chevron USA 935 Gravier ST New Orleans, LA 70112-1625

Amerada Hess PO Box 2040 Houston, TX 77252-2040

HRC, Inc C/O Gary Shubert PO Box 1606 Hobbs, NM 88241

Altura Energy PO Box 4294 Houston, TX 77210

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. PACHECO SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87505 (505) 827-7131

November 16, 1995

Exxon Corporation P. O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79702-1600

Attention: Alex M. Correa

Administrative Order NSP-1746(L)

Dear Mr. Correa:

Reference is made to your application dated September 26, 1995 for an 80-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the following acreage in both the Byers-Queen Gas Pool and the Undesignated Byers-Yates Gas Pool:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO **TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM**

Section 29: W/2 SW/4

It is our understanding that this unit is to be dedicated to your existing Bowers "A" Federal Well No. 28 (API No. 30-025-23022), located at an unorthodox gas well location for the aforementioned unit 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 29.

Ry the authority granted me under the provisions of Division General Rules 104.F(1) and 104.D(2), the above-described unorthodox gas well location and non-standard gas spacing and proration unit are hereby approved.

Sincerely

William J. LeMay

Director

WJL/MES/kv

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs cc:

U. S. Bureau of Land Management Carlsbad

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501				•
RE: Proposed: MC DHC NSL NSP SWD WFX PMX				
Gentlemen:				
I have examined the applica Conoco Inc Operator	State A 2 Lease & Well No	29-K D. Unit S-T-F	, 29-18-	.38
and my recommendations are	as follows:			
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Yours very truly,				
Mis Williams				

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Chris Williams

Supervisor, District 1