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WORKING INTEREST OWNERS
(See Attached Address List)

RE: East Blinebry-Drinkard Unit
Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, & 14, T21S, R37E, Lea County, NM

Apache Corporation proposes unitizing the Blinebry, Tubb and Drinkard formations in Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, and 14 (totaling 2,080.00 acres) in T21S, R37E to perform secondary recovery operations through waterflooding of the Blinebry/Tubb/Drinkard reservoirs. As an active operator in this area, Apache Corporation will be the Operator of this Unit since Apache operates approximately 69% of the wells included within the boundaries of the proposed unit. This field is nearing depletion and without unitization and waterflooding, most of the wells will be abandoned in the near future. As a result, Apache invites you to participate in Apache's proposal to form the East Blinebry-Drinkard Waterflood Unit.

The proposed area has cumulative primary production of 8.3 MMBO from the Blinebry, Tubb and Drinkard formations. Remaining primary production is 0.2 MMBO, yielding ultimate primary recovery of 8.5 MMBO. The majority of the wells in this area are low rate, downhole commingled producers, making less than 5 BOPD.

Geologic study indicates the productive intervals are laterally continuous, while production performance indicates the reservoir to be acting under a solution gas drive mechanism. Recoverable secondary reserves are estimated to be 3.7 MMBO, or 44% of the proposed primary recovery utilizing the existing well spacing to develop 80 acre five spot injection patterns. The total capital costs for this project are estimated to be \$2,400,000.00. The majority of the wellbores are still active and can be converted to injection without extensive well work.

Economic evaluation indicates said waterflood project will yield a 30% rate of return, 5.7MM\$ net present value, after income tax, and a development cost of less than \$1/barrel to the working interest owners. It will yield 6.2MM\$ of present value to the mineral owners and 4.4MM\$ of present value to the State of New Mexico in the form of tax revenues.

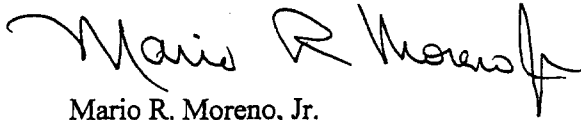
As a result of the aforementioned, enclosed for your review and further handling are the Unit Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement for the East Blinebry-Drinkard Unit which has been executed on behalf of Apache Corporation. Exhibits A, B-1, B-2, B-3, and C are found at the end of the Unit Agreement. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed unitized area. Exhibit "B-1" describes each tract and its respective ownership, Exhibit "B-2" gives individual Unit participation of each tract, Exhibit "B-3" describes lease and tract participation factor and Exhibit "C" identifies the Unitized Formation.

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Case No. Exhibit No. — 6
Submitted By:
Apache Corporation
Hearing Date: June 16, 2005

Based on our prior discussions, Apache Corporation respectfully requests your early reply and concurrence in joining the proposed East Blinebry-Drinkard Unit as proposed. Also, for your information, Apache has received preliminary approval from the Bureau of Land Management (majority mineral and royalty owner) for Apache's proposed unit boundary of said unit by letter dated January 13, 2005. Further, one of our partners who owns 7.5% has approved participating in the East Blinebry-Drinkard Unit. Consequently, Apache now has the required 75% working interest owner approval needed to proceed in filing for statutory unitization for this project by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. The targeted date for initiating injection into this unit is set for the 4th Qtr 2005.

Should you have any questions pertaining to Apache's proposed project, please feel free to contact Michelle Hanson (918) 491-4838, Mario Moreno at (918) 491-4963 for any Land questions or Kevin Mayes (Reservoir Engineer) at (918) 491-4972 for any Technical questions, otherwise please execute one (1) original signature page to the Unit and Unit Operating Agreements, have each properly notarized, and return same to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience within the next twenty (20) days. We look forward to your support in facilitating the implementation of this project.

APACHE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Moreno, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mario R. Moreno, Jr.
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Encls: Unit Agreement
Unit Operating Agreement
Initial Plan of Operations
Return Envelope

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