BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION **NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND** NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

> **CASE NO. 13813** REOPENED AND READVERTISED

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
William F. Carr, attorney in fact and authorized representative of OXY USA WTP
Limited Partnership, the Applicant herein, states that notice of the above-referenced
Application was mailed to the interested parties shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto in
accordance with Oil Conservation Division Rules, and that true and correct copies of the
notice letter and proof of notice are attached hereto. William F. Carr SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of December 2006. Notary Public
My Commission Expires

EXHIBIT A

AMENDED APPLICATION OF
OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
S/2 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M.
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ConocoPhillips Company PO BOX 2197 Houston, TX 77252-2197 Attention Mr. Gregory D. Fuzzell







December 5, 2006

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS:

Re:

CASE 13813, Reopened and Re-advertised, continued from the November 9, 2006 Examiner Hearing.: Amended Application of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership has filed the enclosed amended application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the compulsory pooling of all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in certain spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. OXY proposes to dedicate these pooled units to its Oxy Flameskimmer State Well No. 1 to be drilled at a location 1650 feet from the South line and 1880 feet from the West line or at another standard gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 9 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.

This amended application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner at 8:15 a.m. on November 9, 2006 at the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe office located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe office, four days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but at least on the Thursday preceding the hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

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William F. Carr

c: David Evans

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

> CASE NO. 13813 REOPENED AND RE-ADVERTISED

AMENDED APPLICATION

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership, ("OXY") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, §70-2-17, for an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool; and the SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing and support of its application states:

- 1. OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership is a working interest owner in the S/2 of said Section 9 and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. OXY proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Oxy Flameskimmer State Well No. 1 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11,000 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.
- 3. The Flameskimmer State Well No. 1 was originally proposed at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 9, but the BLM required the well be moved 100 feet to a point 1650 feet from the South line and 1880 feet from the West line of said Section 9. Oxy therefore seeks authorization to drill this well at the current location or any other standard location in the SW/4 of this section.
- 3. OXY has sought and been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units who are identified on Exhibit A to this application.
- 4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. In order to permit OXY to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and OXY USA WPT Limited Partnership should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

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WHEREFORE, OXY WTP Limited Partnership requests that this amended application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 4, 2007, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units,
- B. designating OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership operator of these units and the well to be drilled thereon,
- C. authorizing OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- E. imposing a penalty for the risk assumed by OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

CASE 13813,

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Affidavit of Publication

NO

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

County of Eddy:

Gary D. Scott

being duly

sworn, says: That he is the

Publisher of The

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for that purpose within the meaning of Chapter 167 of
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Day

December

2006

Notary Public, Eddy County, New Mexico

My Commission expires

September: 23, 2007

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NOTICE OF
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STATE OF NEW
MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS
AND NATURAL
RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT
OF CONSERVATION
DIVISION
SANTA FE,

NEW MEXICO The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pur-suant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the follow ing public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. ort. January 4, 2007, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appoint for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader appoint. of a reader, amplifier, quified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or par-ticipate in the hearing please contact. Florene 505-476-3468 or through the New Mexico Rejay N 6 1 w 0 1 k 1-600-659-1779 By De-cember 22: 2008. Public documents including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible Please contact Florene: Davidson if a summary or other type of access

ble form is needed.
STATE OF NEW
MEXICO TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.) CASE 13813:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OR: CONSERVATION DIVISION Mark E Fesmire, P.E., Directoe Published in the Artesia Daily Press, Artesia, N.M. December 7, 2008. Legal 19516