

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

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF A WATERFLOOD  
PROJECT AND TO QUALIFY THE PROJECT  
FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

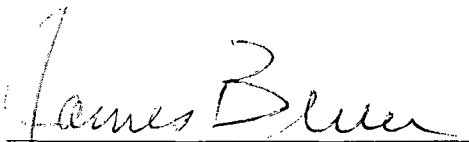
Case No. 14,126

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

COUNTY OF SANTA FE     )  
  ) ss.  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO    )

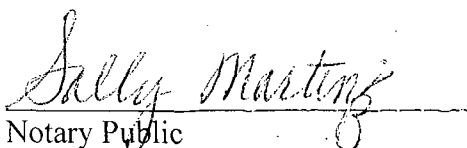
James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

1. I am over the age of 18, and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. I am an attorney for Apache Corporation.
3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the names and correct addresses of the offset operators and surface owners entitled to receive notice of the application filed herein.
4. Notice of the application was provided to the interest owners, at their correct addresses, by certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Division Rule 1210.

  
James Bruce

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 29th day of May, 2008 by James Bruce.

My Commission Expires: 3-24-2010

  
Notary Public

Oil Conservation Division  
Case No. 17A  
Exhibit No. 17A

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May 7, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Range Operating New Mexico, Inc.  
Suite 800  
777 Main Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

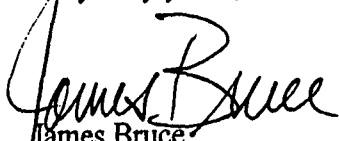
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Suite 600  
600 North Marienfeld  
Midland, Texas 79701

Ladies and gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application to institute a waterflood project, *etc.*, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Apache Corporation, regarding all or parts of Sections 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 21, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This matter is scheduled for hearing on May 29, 2008, at the Division's offices at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. As an offset operator, you have the right to enter an appearance and participate in the case. Failure to appear will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date.

You are required to notify (in writing) the Division, and the undersigned, by Thursday, May 22, 2008 if you intend to participate in the hearing.

Very truly yours,

  
James Bruce  
Attorney for Apache Corporation

EXHIBIT

**A**

U.S. Postal Service<sup>TM</sup>  
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Certified Fee	\$2.65
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)	\$2.15
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	\$0.00
Total Postage & Fees	\$ 7.30

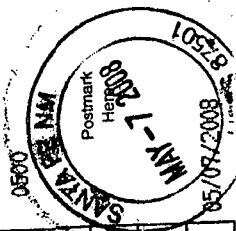
Sent To Range Operating New Mexico, Inc.

Street Apt. No. Suite 800  
or PO Box No. 777 Main Street  
City, State, ZIP+4 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

PS Form 3800, August 2006

See Reverse for Instructions

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**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado  
Suite 600  
600 North Marientfeld  
Midland, Texas 79701

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

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- A. Signature **X** Jane Dukey
- B. Received by (Printed Name)
- C. Date of Delivery 5/12/08
- D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, enter delivery address below:

- 3. Service Type  
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail  
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise  
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.
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**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

- A. Signature **X** Jane Dukey
- B. Received by (Printed Name) STEFAN, MCQUEEN
- C. Date of Delivery 5-8-08
- D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, enter delivery address below:

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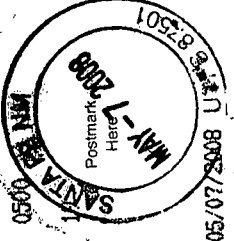
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