

Mid-Continent Region  
Production United States



P.O. Box 552  
Midland, TX 79702-0552  
Telephone 915/682-1626

July 9, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL & RETURN  
RECEIPT REQUESTED

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS  
David Crockett 27 State No. 1  
W/2 Section 27, T-18-S, R-28-E, N.M.P.M.,  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Re: Operating Agreement

Dear Working Interest Owner:

Enclosed is an Operating Agreement with extra signature pages for the captioned well. The AFE and well proposal was mailed to you on June 16, 1997. If you plan to participate in this well, please execute and return the AFE and the extra signature pages to this Operating Agreement. If you do not plan to participate, we request that you either sell Marathon a term assignment covering your interest in this well or farmout your interest to Marathon under the terms outlined in our well proposal dated June 16, 1997.

If you have any questions, please call me at (915) 687-8490.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tim Robertson'.

Tim Robertson, CPL  
Advanced Landman

TBR:mmc'  
Encl.

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Case No. 11834 Exhibit No. 4  
Submitted By:  
*Marathon Oil Company*  
Hearing Date: August 21, 1997

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS  
DAVID CROCKETT 27 STATE NO. 1

Mr. Robert Bullock  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
105 S. Fourth St.  
Artesia, NM 88210

Mr. Lee Scarborough  
ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY  
P. O. Box 1610  
Midland, TX 79702-1610

Mr. Rusty Waters  
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORPORATION  
14000 Quail Springs Prkwy., Ste. 600  
Oklahoma City, OK 73134-2600

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- Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
- Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back if space does not permit.
- Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number.
- The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date delivered.

I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

1.  Addressee's Address

2.  Restricted Delivery

Consult postmaster for fee.

3. Article Addressed to:  
*Yates Pet. Corp.*  
*1055 4th St.*  
*Artesia, NM*  
*88210*

4a. Article Number  
*P245 774 713*

4b. Service Type  
 Registered  Certified  
 Express Mail  Insured  
 Return Receipt for Merchandise  COD

7. Date of Delivery

5. Received By: (Print Name)  
**JOANN GRIGGS**

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)  
*X Joann Griggs*

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I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

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3. Article Addressed to:  
*Atlantic Richfield Co.*  
*PO BOX 1610*  
*Midland, TX 79702-1610*

4a. Article Number  
*P245 774 712*

4b. Service Type  
 Registered  Certified  
 Express Mail  Insured  
 Return Receipt for Merchandise  COD

7. Date of Delivery  
**JUL 11 1997**

5. Received By: (Print Name)

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)  
*X [Signature]*

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*Louis Duffin Pet. Serv.*  
*1400 Quail Ave. Arkey.*  
*Ste. 600*  
*OKC, OK 73134-2600*

4a. Article Number  
*P245 774 711*

4b. Service Type  
 Registered  Certified  
 Express Mail  Insured  
 Return Receipt for Merchandise  COD

7. Date of Delivery  
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5. Received By: (Print Name)

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6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)  
*X [Signature]*

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ARTICLE XVI.  
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 1st day of July, 1997.

OPERATOR  
MARATHON OIL COMPANY

*E. C. Potter*

E. C. Potter, Attorney-in-Fact

NON-OPERATORS  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

7-18-97

*Raymond Yates*  
By: *Raymond Yates*  
Its: *Atty-in-Fact*

*RB*

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

By:  
Its:

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

By:  
Its:

A.A.P.L. FORM 610-1982

MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

DAVID CROCKETT 27 STATE NO. 1

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

July 1, 1997,

OPERATOR MARATHON OIL COMPANY

CONTRACT AREA W/2 Section 27, T-18-S, R-28-E, N.M.P.M.,

COUNTY ~~OR PARISH~~ OF Eddy STATE OF New Mexico

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