Mid-Continent Region Production United States



November 4, 1997

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

CERTIFIED MAIL & RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS (Addressee List Attached)

Re:	Well Proposal - Burns 34 State No. 1
	N/2 Section 34, T-18-S, R-28-E, N.M.P.M.
	Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

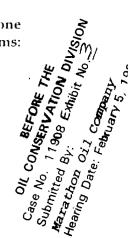
Marathon Oil Company (Marathon), as Operator, hereby proposes the drilling of a well to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation, anticipated total depth being 11,200'. Furthermore, Marathon shall evaluate to its satisfaction, all other formations encountered at lesser depths in the drilling of said well. N/2 of the captioned Section 34 will be dedicated as the proration unit for the well.

The above well will be located at a legal location in the NW/4 of Section 34, T-18-S, R-28-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. An AFE is enclosed for your review. Should you desire to participate in the drilling of this proposed well, please return an executed copy of the AFE to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

A Joint Operating Agreement will be provided for your review and execution upon receipt of the executed AFE, or by prior written request.

In the event you do not wish to participate, Marathon respectfully requests you elect one of the following options as to your interest:

- 1. Sell a two year term assignment of all of your right, title and interest in N/2 of Section 34, subject to title approval, for \$250 per net acre, delivering an 80% net revenue interest to Marathon.
- 2. Farmout all of your interest in the N/2 of Section 34 for a period of one hundred-eighty (180) days to Marathon under the following general terms:
 - (a) If any well drilled, deepened, completed or recompleted under the terms of our Farmout Agreement results in oil and/or gas production on a proration unit that includes your acreage, Marathon will earn an assignment of 100% of your rights and interest, free of any liens or encumbrances, in the proration unit assigned to each well from a depth of 500' below the top of the San Andres formation to a depth of 100' below the total depth drilled for each well.



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- (b) Upon completion of the initial test well as a producer or dry hole, Marathon would have the recurring option, but not the obligation, to commence additional wells on New Mexico Oil Conservation approved proration units that include your acreage to establish oil and/or gas production under the captioned lands or land pooled therewith. If any such option is exercised, Marathon agrees to allow not more than 180 days to elapse between the completion of one well and the commencement of operations for any next well.
- (c) You will retain an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference, if any, between 25% of all oil and gas produced and the total of all royalty interests, overriding royalty interests and other burden or lawful claims upon production to which your leases may be currently subject, so that Marathon will be assigned a 75% net revenue interest in your lease(s) as to rights below a depth of 500' below the top of the San Andres formation to 100' below the total depth drilled. Such overriding royalty interest retained by you shall be subject to proportionate reduction.
- (d) Upon acceptance of our farmout proposal, you agree to furnish, at no cost to Marathon, title information such as copies of the leases covering the captioned lands, title opinions currently in your possession, title curative, letter agreements and any contracts currently in effect, etc.

Should the above general terms be acceptable to you, our formal Farmout Agreement will be provided under separate cover.

Your earliest response to this proposal would be greatly appreciated. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (915) 687-8490.

Very truly yours,

Tim B. Robertson, CPL Advanced Landman

TBR;mmc'

Encl.

xc: D. K. Barker (w/o Encl.)

Burns 34 State No. 1 N/2 Section 34, T-18-S, R-28-E Eddy County, New Mexico

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS:

MARATHON OIL COMPANY 37.96103%

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY 12.50000%

Attn: Mr. Lee Scarborough

P. O. Box 1610

Midland, TX 79702-1610

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 4.51389%

Attn: Mr. Robert Bullock

105 S. Fourth St. Artesia, NM 88210

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY 4.80156%

Attn: Mr. Pat Tower

P. O. Box 2267

Midland, TX 79702-2267

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP. 3.99306%

Attn: Mr. Rusty Waters

14000 Quail Springs Prkwy., Ste 600

Oklahoma City, OK 73134

READ & STEVENS, INC. 0.68359%

Attn: Mr. Bob Watson

P. O. Box 1518

Roswell, NM 88202-1518

MR. ROY G. BARTON., JR., TRUSTEE 0.68359%

ROY G. BARTON, SR. AND OPAL BARTON REVOCABLE TRUST

P. O. Box 978

Hobbs, NM 88240-0978

KCS MEDALLION RESOURCES, INC. 12.50000%

Attn: Mr. D. R. Deffenbaugh 7130 S. Lewis Ave. Ste. 700

Tulsa, OK 74136

ALTURA ENERGY LTD. 9.37500%

Attn: Mr. Jerry West

P. O. Box 4294

Houston, TX 77210-4294

MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY 12.98828%

Attn: Mr. Steve Cobb 500 W. Texas, Ste. 1020 Midland, TX 79701

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MARATHON OIL COMPANY AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

DETAIL OF ESTIMATED WELL COSTS

AFE NO. 660497

DATE 0ctober 31, 1997

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SOURCE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ACCT. CAT FEATURE	
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		DRIE	LLING COSTS - TANGIBLE	
		Drive Pipe	81-7	
D	40'	Conductor Pipe 16" PF.	81-8	800
Purchase	425'	Surface Pipe 13-3/8", 42#, WC-40, 8rd, Casing, Intermediate String No. 1-9-5		6,700
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		Drilling Liner	81-19	
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Contract	32 days	Daywork Orilling \$6200/24 hr. Day in		198,400
Contract		Footage Basis Drilling	81-37	3,000
		Turnkey Orilling	81-38	0
Lontract		Drilling Rig Mob/Demob	81-39	20,000
Contract		Blowout Prevention Equipment	81-41	5,500
		Drill Pipe & Collars	81-44	0
		Drilling & Service Tools Drilling Services	81-45 81-50	0
		Snubbing Units, Company	81 - 62	0
		Snubbing Units, Contract	81-68	0
Contract		Mud System/Solids Control	81-40	3,500
Contract		Mud and Mud Services	81-71	22,500
Contract		Bits	81-69	40,000
Contract		Stabilizers, Hole Openers, Underreame Oil	rs 81-70 81-72	5,000
		Grease	81-72	0
		Fuel, Diesel (Not furnished by Contra	ctor) 81-74	0
Contract	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Water	81-336	14,000
Contract		Casing Tools and Services	81-90	8,000
		Cement and Cementing Service	81-91	18,000
Contract		logging Services, Open Hole Logging Services, Cased Hole	81-93 81-94	30,000
Contract	21 days	Mud Logging	81-95	11.600
Contract		Inspection, Pipe & Casing	81-97	4,500
		Directional Services	81-101	0
		Coring	81-102	0
Contract		Formation Testing, Open Hole	81-104	5,000
Contract		Formation Testing, Cased Hole Well Control Services (Super Choke	81-105) 81-120	2,100
Contract		Trucking/Transportation, Other	81-126	
		Well Test Equipment	81-127	0
		Fishing Tools and Services	81-133	0
		Abandoning Tools and Services	81-136	<u> </u>
		Sidetracking, Milling Sections, Whips		0
Contract		Miscellaneous Materials Contract Labor, Welding	81-217 81-233	
Contract	32 days	Contract Labor, Werding	81-237	13,600
Contract	32 days	Contract Services, Living Quarters	81-243	4,800
		Contract Services, Other	81-266	0
Contract	21 days	Hydrogen Sulfide Testing	81-320	2,100
		Spill Control Equipment	81-454	0
Contract	12 4504	Computer Hardware Communications, Field	81 - 568 81 - 658	800
(ontract	32 days	Regulatory Compliance	81-685	800
MOC	32 days	Company Labor & Burden	81-750	12,000
		Overhead	81-770	0
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M A R A T H O N O I L C O M P A N Y AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE DETAIL OF ESTIMATED WELL COSTS

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AFE NO. 660497

DATE October 31, 1997

Field/Prospect <u>Travis</u> Lease/Facility<u>Burns "34" State No. 1</u> C SOURCE QUANTITY **DESCRIPTION** ACCT. CAT.-0 ESTIMATED FEATURE N COST NO. Ð COMPLETION COSTS - TANGIBLE Purchase Production Casing 5-1/2" 82-15 92,000 I Production liner 82-18 Production Liner Hanger & Tieback Equipment 82-21 11,200' Tubing $(2-3/8^{\circ}, 4.7 *, t-80)$ 82-23 I 36,000 Purchase Wellhead Equipment (drilling) 82-80 I 4.500 Christmas Tree 82-87 9,000 Packers 82-137 6,000 Rod Pump Electric Submersible Pump 82-149 4,700 Purchase Completion Wellhead Equipment 82-167 TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS - TANGIBLE 152,200 COMPLETION COSTS - INTANGIBLE Contract Location and Access Contract Drilling Rig During Completion - \$6200/day 82-34 12,400 Blowout Preventer 82-41 2,000 Tools - Drilling & Service 82-45 Riq. Completion 82-48 Workover Units, Company 82-55 Workover Units, Contract 8 @ \$400/day 82-56 11,200 Snubbing Units, Company 82-62 Coiled Tubing Service Units, Contract 82-67 Snubbing Units, Contract 82-68 Underreamers, Stabilizers, Hole Openers 82-70 Lubricants 82-72 Fuel, Diesel 82-74 Casing Tools and Services - Longstring 82-90 9,500 Cement and Cementing Services - Longstring 82-91 Contract 28,000 Logging Services, Open Hole Wells 82-93 Logging Services, Cased Hole Wells 3.500 82-94 Tubular Inspection, Testing & Cleaning (Hydro Test) 82-96 7,000 Formation Testing PBU 82-103 4,000 Formation Treating Pickle Tbq., EOB N2L Fluid 82-113 20,000 Transportation, Other 82-126 3.500 Test Equipment - Well Testing 82-127 4,000 Fishing Tools and Services 82-133 Completion and Packer Fluids 1,000 Perforating - EOB 82-182 19,000 Wireline Services 82-183 1,500 Sidetracking, Milling Sections, Whipstocks 82-185 Miscellaneous Materials 82-217 3,500 Miscellaneous Services 7,000 Contract Labor, Laborer 82-234 3,000 Contract Services, Other 82-240 7,400 Treating Chemicals, Other 82-291 1,000 Salt Water Disposall & Trans Fees 82-371 1,000 Rental Tools & Equip. 5,000 Communications - Field 82-658 Regulatory Compliance 82-685 Company Labor & Burden 82-750 3,800 Overhead 82-770 Indirect Expense 82-779 TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS - INTANGIBLE 159.800 TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS 312,000

MARATHON OIL COMPANY AFE NO. 660497 AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE DATE ____October_31, 1997_ DETAIL OF ESTIMATED WELL COSTS Mid-Continent Region Field/Prospect <u>Travis</u> Lease/Facility <u>Burns "34" State No. 1</u> SOURCE OHANTITY DESCRIPTION ACCT, CAT. FEATURE N COST NO. D SURFACE FOULTPMENT - TANGERIE tine Pipe 83-27 1,600 Transportation, Other 83-126 2,500 Pumping Unit 83-141 Pumping Equipment - Rod Pump 83-143 Flowing/Plunger lift Equipment 83-146 Submersible Pump - Electric 83-149 Submersible Pump - Hydraulic 83-152 Gas Lift Equipment 81-155 Pumps 83-158 Tanks 83-170 10,000 Metering Equipment 83-190 4,000 Instrumentation 83-194 Electrical Equipment, Other 83-201 Valves 83-205 2.500 Miscellaneous Materials 83-217 10,000 Contract Labor, Electrical 83-229 Contract Labor, Welding 83-233 1,000 Contract Labor, Other 83-237 4,000 Contract Services, Other 83-240 2,000 Compressor Installation 83-365 Dehydration 83-376 10,000 Crude Oil Treaters 83-378 Separator 83 380 12,000 Vapor Recovery Units 83-386 Free Water Knockouts 83-388 Regulatory Compliance (Includes Permitting) 83-685 Company Labor & Burden 2,000 83-750 TOTAL SURFACE EQUIPMENT - TANGIBLE 61,600 SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED DRILLING WELL COSTS (%) Total Drilling Cost 491.400 Soill Cleanup 41 Remediation Total Completion Cost 313.000 Afr 43 Total Surface Equipment Water Solid Waste Other 865,000 5 Non-ENV Marathon's Share of Grand Total Cost to be Booked This Year 100% If Wildcat Well, Give Marathon's Share of Dry Hole Cost PARTICIPANT APPROVAL Participant Name:

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