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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re:

Cedar Lake Federal "33" Well No. 1

E/2 Section 33, T17S, R30E

Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

for compulsory pooling **Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the Examiner's docket now scheduled for October 22, 1998. Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

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W. Thomas Kellahin

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Anadarko Petroleum Corporation Attn: Patrick S. Smith

CASE_____: Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 4,000 feet below the surface to the base of the Mississippian-Barnett Shale formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, T17S, R30E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Cedar Lake Federal "33" Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location in Unit I of said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of the applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in said well. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles south-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE	NO.		

APPLICATION

Comes now ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION, by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and in accordance with Section 70-2-17(c) (1978) applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral interests from 4,000 feet below the surface to the base of the Mississippian-Barnett Shale formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, T17S, R30E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Cedar Lake Federal "33" Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location in Unit I of said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of the applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in said well.

In support of its application, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, ("Anadarko") states:

1. Anadarko has a working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Mississippian-Barnett Shale formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, T17S, R30E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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- 2. The subject tract is located within one-mile of the current boundary of the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool.
- 3. Anadarko has proposed a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in Unit I of said Section 33 and the dedication of the well to a standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the E/2 of said Section 33 for any and all production spaced on 320-acre spacing below the base of the Wolfcamp formation to all of the working interest owners in the spacing unit.
- 4. Despite its good faith efforts, Anadarko has been unable to obtain a written voluntary agreement from those remaining working interest owner listed on Exhibit "A".
- 5. Pursuant to Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, Anadarko needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.
- 6. In accordance with the Division's notice requirements, a copy of this application has been sent to the parties whose interest is to be pooled as listed on Exhibit "A" notifying each of this case and of the applicant's request for a hearing of this matter before the Division on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for October 22, 1998.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that this application be set for hearing on October 22, 1998 before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interests described in the appropriate spacing unit for the drilling of the subject well at a standard gas well location upon terms and conditions which include:

- (1) Anadarko Petroleum Corporation be named operator;
- (2) Provisions for applicant and all working interest and unleased mineral owners to participate in the costs of drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well;

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- (3) In the event a working interest or unleased mineral interest owner fails to elect to participate, then provision be made to recover out of production, the costs of the drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well, including a risk factor penalty of 200%;
- (4) Provision for overhead rates per month drilling and per month operating and a provision providing for an adjustment method of the overhead rates as provided by COPAS; and
- (5) For such other and further relief as may be proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Exhibit "A"

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