Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, ss.

Amy McKay

being first duly sworn, on oath says:

That she is Business Manager of the Carlsbad Current-Argus, a newspaper published daily at the City of Carlsbad, in said county of Eddy, state of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of the state wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in supplement thereof on the date as follows, to wit:

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That the cost of publication is 43.45, and that payment thereof has been made and will be assessed as court costs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

My commission expires <u>1/27/01</u> Notary Public

June 1, 1999

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company has applied to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for statutory unitization of all mineral interests in the Brushy Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain Group, East Shugart - Delaware Pool, underlying the following federal lands located in Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico:

Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Section 13: S1/2SE1/4 Section 24: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM Section 18: Lot 4 Section 19: Lots 1 -3, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4

containing 604.12 acres, more or less. The unit will be designated the East Shugart (Delaware) Unit, which is being formed for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project. This application is filed under the New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, NMSA 1978 §§70-7-1 et seq. (1996). The unit area is located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico. Among the interest owners sought to be unitized are the following persons, or their unknown heirs or devisees: William Nickey, William J. Casey, Carl Lewis Folkner, Jr. The application will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at the offices of the Oil Conservation Division, 2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Failure to appear at the hearing will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later plicant is Suite 1100, 1776 Lincoln Street, Derver, Colorado 80203 (Attention: B. Lynne Elison), phone number (303) 863-4317.