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TO AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS:

Re: Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the force pooling of all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Foster Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool in W/2of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, NMPM., Eddy County, New Mexico. Arrington proposes to dedicate the referenced pooled unit to its proposed Orange Stimulator Caddis Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 28.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on December 2, 1999. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

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Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,



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 OIL & GAS, INC.

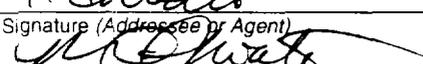
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