

EXHIBIT A

**AFFIDAVIT OF
MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
E/2 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

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Re: Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

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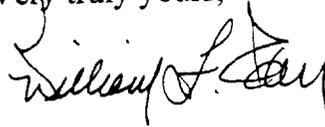
This letter is to advise you that Marbob Energy Corporation has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the force pooling of all mineral interests below the base of the Atoka formation in certain spacing and proration units in the S/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Marbob proposes to dedicate the referenced pooled unit to its Giles State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East lines of said Section 15.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on March 16, 2000. 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,



William F. Carr
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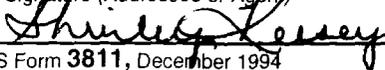
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