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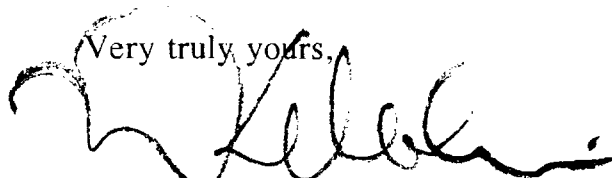
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RE: NMOCD Case 12587  
**Bertha J. Barber Well No. 12**  
**330 feet FNL & 660 feet FEL**  
**Unit A Section 7, T20S, R37E**  
Application of Sapient Energy Corp. for  
approval of an unorthodox gas well location and  
non-standard 160-acre gas proration and spacing units,  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Sapient Energy Corp., please find enclosed our first amended application. The original application has been scheduled for hearing on January 25, 2001 which we request be continued and re-advertised for the hearing now scheduled for February 8, 2001.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

fx: Sapient Energy Corp.

Attn: Chuck Perrin

hand delivered: William F. Carr, Esq.

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**amended re-advertisement**

Case: 12587 Amended Application of Sapient Energy Corp for an unorthodox well location and (i) two non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration units, or in the alternative, (ii) one non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Bertha J. Barber Well No 12 ("Barber 12 Well") which is located at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 7, T20S, R37E, to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre gas proration and spacing unit consisting of either (i) the E/2E/2 this section, or in the alternative, (ii) the E/2NE/4 of Section 7 and the W/2NW/4 of Section 8 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999)**. In addition, should the Division approve a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7, then the applicant seeks the approval of a second non-standard 160-acre proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2E/2 of this section. This unit is located approximately 12 miles southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SAPIENT ENERGY CORP. FOR APPROVAL OF  
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION AND,  
IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TWO NON-STANDARD  
PRORATION AND SPACING UNITS, OR ONE  
NON-STANDARD PRORATION AND SPACING UNIT  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION**

Comes now Sapient Energy Corp., by and through its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and in accordance with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division General Rule 104.F, General Rule 104.D and General Rule 1207.A(2) and (3), applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Bertha J. Barber Well No 12 ("Barber 12 Well") which is located at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 7, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre gas proration and spacing unit consisting of either (i) the E/2E/2 this section, or in the alternative, (ii) the E/2NE/4 of Section 7 and the W/2NW/4 of Section 8 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999)**. In addition, should the Division approve a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7, then the applicant seeks the approval of a second non-standard 160-acre proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2E/2 of this section, and in support states:

**BACKGROUND**

(1) By letter dated October 11, 2000, Chevron USA Production Company ("Chevron") filed an administrative application with the Division seeking approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its G. C. Matthews Well No. 12 330' FSL & 990' FEL Unit P, Section 6, T20S, R37E, to be dedicated to a standard 160-acre gas spacing consisting of the SE/4 of this section for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool.

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**Sapient Energy Corp.**  
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(2) Chevron sent notification of its application to Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. ("now Sapient Energy Corp.") as the offsetting operator of the Bertha J. Barber Well No. 12 ("the Barber 12 Well"), Unit A of Section 7, T20S, R37E, towards whom the Chevron well will encroach.

(3) On August 21, 1999, Cross Timber recompleted the Barber 12 Well from an oil well to a producing gas well in the Tubb gas formation.

(4) On January 6, 2000, in Case 12321, the Division issued Order R-11304 which approved the creation of the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool, designated the E/2 of Section 7 as the acreage for the new pool and approved the Barber 12 Well as the discovery well for this pool.

(5) On April 1, 2000, Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. ("Falcon Creek") acquired the Bertha J. Barber Well No. 12 from Cross Timbers Operating Company ("Cross Timbers").

(6) On July 14, 2000, Sapient Energy Corp. ("Sapient") acquired this well from Falcon Creek.

(7) As a result of Chevron's application, Sapient has determined from an examination of the Division files the following:

(a) Cross Timbers filed a C-105 dated September 9, 1999, being a Tubb gas well recompletion report;

(b) Cross Timbers filed a C-102 dated September 9, 1999, showing an unorthodox Tubb gas well location and the dedication of a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7;

(c) on September 20, 1999, the Division (OCD-Hobbs) approved Cross Timbers' C-103 to recomplete this oil well at an unorthodox gas well location in the Tubb formation with a 160-acre non-standard acreage dedication consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7;

(d) On April 14, 2000, the OCD-Hobbs approved Falcon Creek's C-104 (allowable request) which shows this well to be in the West Monument Tubb Gas Pool.

### FIRST RELIEF REQUESTED

(8) Sapient relied upon the Division's approvals set forth in paragraph (7) above, and to now require Sapient to obtain further approvals for the unorthodox gas well location for this well will cause Sapient to be damaged and irreparably harmed.

(9) From the date of first production, Cross Timbers, Falcon Creek and now Sapient has paid and distributed proceeds from the Tubb formation production from the Barber 12 Well to the mineral owners in the E/2E/2 of this section.

(10) In the event the Division concludes that the Division's prior approvals are inadequate because Cross Timbers failed to obtain all the necessary approvals from the Division for the unorthodox location, then Sapient requests Division approval for an unorthodox gas well location for its Bertha J. Barber Well No 12 ("Barber 12 well") which is located at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 7, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999).**

### SECOND RELIEF REQUESTED

(11) Sapient relied upon the Division's approvals set forth in paragraph (7) above, and to now require Sapient to obtain further approvals for a non-standard 160-acre gas proration and spacing unit will cause Sapient to be damaged and irreparably harmed.

(12) From the date of first production, Cross Timbers, Falcon Creek and now Sapient has paid and distributed proceeds from the Tubb formation production from the Barber 12 Well to the mineral owners in the E/2E/2 of this section.

(13) In the event the Division concludes that the Division's prior approvals are inadequate because Cross Timbers failed to obtain all the necessary approvals from the Division for the non-standard 160-acre proration and spacing unit for the Barber 12 Well consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7, then Sapient requests the approval of a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999).**

standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999).**

(14) Sapient also requests the approval of a non-standard 160-acre spacing unit consisting of the W/2E/2 of Section 7.

### **FIRST ALTERNATIVE RELIEF**

(15) As a first alternative to the Second Relief Requested, Sapient request the approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the E/2NE/4 of Section 7 and the W/2NW/4 of Section 8 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999).**

(16) In accordance with Section 70-2-17.A NMSA (1978), the Division is required, so far as it is practicable to do so, afford to the owner of each property in a pool the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil or gas, or both, in the pool, being the amount, so far as can be practically determined, and so far as such can be practicably obtained without waste, **substantially in the proportion that the quantity of the recoverable oil or gas, or both, under such property bears to the total recoverable oil or gas, or both , in the pool...** [emphasis added]

(17) A spacing unit formed as described in paragraph (15) above satisfies the statutory requirements set forth in Section 70-2-17 NMSA (1978)

### **NOTIFICATIONS**

(18) While there are no 160-acre gas spacing units in the Tubb formation adjoining the E/2E/2 of Section 7, notice will be sent to the operators of all wells within 160 acres of the E/2E/2 of Section 7 and to all mineral owners in the E/2 of Section 7 and to all mineral owners in the NW/4 of Section 8.

(19) Notice is being sent to all appropriate parties as required by Division notice rules. **See Exhibit A.**

**WHEREFORE**, Sapient Energy Corp. ("Sapient") seeks Division approval for an unorthodox gas well location for its Bertha J. Barber Well No 12 ("Barber 12 well") which is located at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 7, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico to be dedicated to either (i) a non-standard 160-acre gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the E/2E/2 this section, or in the alternative, (ii) the E/2NE/4 of Section 7 and the W/2NW/4 of Section 8 for production from the West Monument-Tubb Gas Pool **retroactive to the date of first production (September 9, 1999)**. In addition, sought the Division approval a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit consisting of the E/2E/2 of Section 7, then the applicant seeks the approval of a second non-standard 160-acre proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2E/2 of Section 7

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', followed by a horizontal line.

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W/2 E/2 Section 7, T-20-S, R-37-E, Limited to the Tubb Formation  
Lea County, New Mexico

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January 18, 2001

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RE: BERTHA BARBER CURSORY  
T-20-S, R-37-E  
Section 8: E/2 NW/4  
Lea County, New Mexico  
containing 80.00 acres, more or less

NE/4 NW/4, containing 40.00 acres, more or less

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None

ROYALTY OWNERS

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SE/4 NW/4, containing 40.00 acres, more or less

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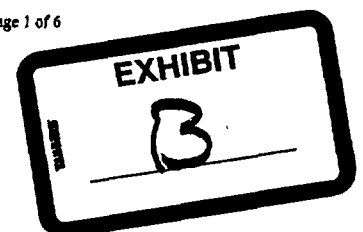
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