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April 4, 2001

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Attention: Mr. William F. Carr

Re: In the matter of the application of Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
for approval of a pressure maintenance project for its New Mexico "O"
State "BA" Lease, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 3, 2001 notifying this office of the above-referenced application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Please be advised that we have no objection to Texaco's application.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

JAMI BAILEY, Director
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pc: Reader File,

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 12638 Exhibit No. 8

Submitted by:

Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.

Hearing Date: April 5, 2001

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:**

CASE NO. 12638

**APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A PRESSURE
MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR ITS NEW MEXICO "O"
STATE NCT-1 LEASE AND ITS STATE "BA" LEASE,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP and Campbell & Carr, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks approval for injection of water into the Abo formation, North Vacuum-Abo Pool, Wolfcamp formation, Undesignated Vacuum-Wolfcamp Pool, and the Upper Pennsylvanian formation, Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through three injection wells located in the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 36: N/2, SE/4, S/2 SW/4

Said leases are located approximately 1 mile east of Buckeye, New Mexico.

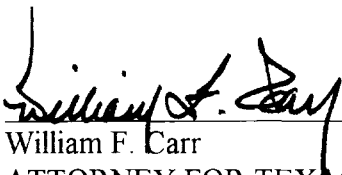
PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Kevin Hickey (Engineer)	20 Minutes	Approximately 3
Robert Martin (Geology)	10 Minutes	Approximately 2

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. has none at this time.



William F. Carr
ATTORNEY FOR TEXACO EXPLORATION
AND PRODUCTION, INC.