



January 25, 2002

Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc.
P. O. Box 341449
Austin, Texas 78734

Attention: Mr. Mark Nearburg

Re: Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1
1815' FNL and 750' FWL
W/2 Section 25, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NUMBER

Ocean EXHIBIT 3A

Gentlemen:

Ocean Energy Inc. hereby proposes to drill a 13,200' Mississippian Test at a location 1815' FNL and 750' FWL of Section 25, T16S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. Based upon our most current title information, Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc. appears to own leasehold interest in the NW/4 of said Section 25. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Ocean respectfully requests that Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc. participate for its proportionate interest in the proposed well. Enclosed for your review and execution are two (2) copies of the AFE for the above captioned well. Should Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc. elect to participate in the proposed well, please execute and return one (1) copy of this letter and one (1) AFE well cost estimate. An Operating Agreement will be forwarded for your review and approval if you elect to participate in the proposed well. Also, please provide your well information requirements and the names of personnel to receive reports.

If Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc. is not interested in participating in drilling the proposed well, please call me at 713-265-6897 to discuss other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

Derold Maney
Senior Land Advisor

_____ AMERISTATE OIL & GAS, INC. ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

_____ AMERISTATE OIL & GAS, INC. ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



January 25, 2002

TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc.
P. O. Drawer 10970
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Jeff Phillips

Re: Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1
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W/2 Section 25, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Ocean Energy Inc. hereby proposes to drill a 13,200' Mississippian Test at a location 1815' FNL and 750' FWL of Section 25, T16S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. Based upon our most current title information, TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. appears to own leasehold interest in the NW/4 of said Section 25. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Ocean respectfully requests that TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. participate for its proportionate interest in the proposed well. Enclosed for your review and execution are two (2) copies of the AFE for the above captioned well. Should TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. elect to participate in the proposed well, please execute and return one (1) copy of this letter and one (1) AFE well cost estimate. An Operating Agreement will be forwarded for your review and approval if you elect to participate in the proposed well. Also, please provide your well information requirements and the names of personnel to receive reports.

If TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. is not interested in participating in drilling the proposed well, please call me at 713-265-6897 to discuss other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derold Maney".

Derold Maney
Senior Land Advisor

_____ TMBR/SHARP DRILLING, INC. ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

_____ TMBR/SHARP DRILLING, INC. ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



January 25, 2002

Fuel Products, Inc.
P. O. Box 3098
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Tom Beall

Re: Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1
1815' FNL and 750' FWL
W/2 Section 25, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Ocean Energy Inc. hereby proposes to drill a 13,200' Mississippian Test at a location 1815' FNL and 750' FWL of Section 25, T16S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. Based upon our most current title information, Fuel Products, Inc. appears to own leasehold interest in the NW/4 of said Section 25. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Ocean respectfully requests that Fuel Products, Inc. participate for its proportionate interest in the proposed well. Enclosed for your review and execution are two (2) copies of the AFE for the above captioned well. Should Fuel Products, Inc. elect to participate in the proposed well, please execute and return one (1) copy of this letter and one (1) AFE well cost estimate. An Operating Agreement will be forwarded for your review and approval if you elect to participate in the proposed well. Also, please provide your well information requirements and the names of personnel to receive reports.

If Fuel Products, Inc. is not interested in participating in drilling the proposed well, please call me at 713-265-6897 to discuss other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Derold Maney".

Derold Maney
Senior Land Advisor

_____ FUEL PRODUCTS, INC. ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

_____ FUEL PRODUCTS, INC. ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

January 25, 2002



Mr. Louis Mazzullo
P. O. Box 66657
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87193

Re: Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1
1815' FNL and 750' FWL
W/2 Section 25, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mazzullo,

Ocean Energy Inc. hereby proposes to drill a 13,200' Mississippian Test at a location 1815' FNL and 750' FWL of Section 25, T16S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. Based upon our most current title information, you appear to own leasehold interest in the NW/4 of said Section 25. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Ocean respectfully requests that you participate for your proportionate interest in the proposed well. Enclosed for your review and execution are two (2) copies of the AFE for the above captioned well. Should you elect to participate in the proposed well, please execute and return one (1) copy of this letter and one (1) AFE well cost estimate. An Operating Agreement will be forwarded for your review and approval if you elect to participate in the proposed well. Also, please provide your well information requirements and the names of personnel to receive reports.

If you are not interested in participating in drilling the proposed well, please call me at 713-265-6897 to discuss other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derold Maney".

Derold Maney
Senior Land Advisor

_____ LOUIS MAZZULLO ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

_____ LOUIS MAZZULLO ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



January 25, 2002

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc.
P. O. Box 2071
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. David H. Arrington

Re: Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1
1815' FNL and 750' FWL
W/2 Section 25, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Ocean Energy Inc. hereby proposes to drill a 13,200' Mississippian Test at a location 1815' FNL and 750' FWL of Section 25, T16S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. Based upon our most current title information, David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. appears to own leasehold interest in the NW/4 of said Section 25. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Ocean respectfully requests that David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. participate for its proportionate interest in the proposed well. Enclosed for your review and execution are two (2) copies of the AFE for the above captioned well. Should David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. elect to participate in the proposed well, please execute and return one (1) copy of this letter and one (1) AFE well cost estimate. An Operating Agreement will be forwarded for your review and approval if you elect to participate in the proposed well. Also, please provide your well information requirements and the names of personnel to receive reports.

If David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. is not interested in participating in drilling the proposed well, please call me at 713-265-6897 to discuss other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

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Derold Maney
Senior Land Advisor

_____ DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC. ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

_____ DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC. ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the Triple Hackle Dragon "25" #1 Well.

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