

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF V-F PETROLEUM INC. FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 12844

APPLICATION

V-F PETROLEUM INC. ("V-F Petroleum"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of N.M.Stat.Ann. § 70-2-17, (1978), for an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations in the following described spacing and proration units located in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico: all of Section 22 for all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool; the N/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Golden Lane-Strawn Gas Pool; the NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing; and the SW/4 NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dos Hermanos Yates-Seven Rivers Pool and the Undesignated P.C.A. (Yates) Pool, and in support of its application states:

1. V-F Petroleum is a working interest owner in Section 22 and has the right to drill and operate wells thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration units to its Hale Federal Com Well No. 3. V-F Petroleum has obtained an approved

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Application for Permit to Drill this well as a directional well from a surface location 1450 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line to non-standard bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 100 feet of a point 950 feet from the North line and 760 feet from the West line (no closer than 660 feet from the West line) of said Section 22, to an approximate depth of 12,400 feet TVD to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. The surface location is a standard location for all formations and pools except for the Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool in which it is unorthodox due to the provisions of Special Pool Rules and Regulations which provide for 640-acre spacing with wells to be located no closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the section.

3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these spacing and proration units with those interest owners identified on Exhibit A to this application.

4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and V-F Petroleum Inc. should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, V-F Petroleum Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 21, 2002, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units,

- B. designating V-F Petroleum Inc. operator of these units and the well to be drilled thereon,
- C. approving the requested unorthodox location for the well and the directional drilling thereof;
- D. authorizing V-F Petroleum to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- E. approving the operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures,
- F. providing for subsequent operations on the pooled acreage in accordance with the operating agreement between the parties, and
- G. imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by V-F Petroleum in drilling and completing the well against any working interest which is not voluntarily committed to the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

APPLICATION OF V-F PETROLEUM INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE 12844:

Application of V-F Petroleum Inc. for compulsory pooling, and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the following described spacing and proration units in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 30 East as follows: all of Section 22 for all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool; the N/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Golden Lane-Strawn Gas Pool; the NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing; and the SW/4 NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dos Hermanos Yates-Seven Rivers Pool and the Undesignated P.C.A. (Yates) Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hale Federal Com Well No. 3 to be directionally drilled from an unorthodox surface location 1450 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line to an unorthodox bottom hole location in the Morrow formation within 100 feet of a point 950 feet from the North line and 760 feet from the West line (no closer than 660 feet from the West line) of said Section 22 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, provisions governing subsequent operations on the pooled units, designation of V-F Petroleum Inc. as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. Said area is located approximately 17 miles South of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

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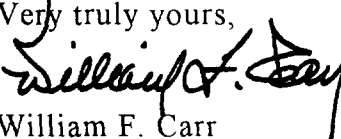
**Re: Application of V-F Petroleum Inc. for compulsory pooling and
an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that V-F Petroleum Inc. has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the compulsory pooling of certain spacing and proration units in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said units will be dedicated to V-F Petroleum Inc.'s proposed Hale Federal Com Well No. 3 which it proposes to directionally drill from an unorthodox surface location 1450 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line to an unorthodox bottomhole location in the Morrow formation within 100 feet of a point 950 feet from the North and 760 feet from the West line of said Section 22 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on March 21, 2002. 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.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement three days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

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