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Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith in triplicate application of Coastal States Gas Producing Company for the adoption of temporary special field rules for the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool, including 80 acre spacing and 80 acre allowable. This is the case about which the writer's secretary talked with Dan Nutter so as to be sure that it would be placed on the examiner's docket for October 8.

Yours sincerely,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING COMPANY FOR ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE WEST SAWYER (SAN ANDRES) POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, INCLUDING 80 ACRE SPACING AND 80 ACRE ALLOWABLE

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Oil Conservation Commission Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Comes Coastal States Gas Producing Company, acting by and through the undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application for the adoption of temporary special field rules for the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including 80 acre spacing and 80 acre allowable and in support thereof respectfully shows:

- 1. That applicant completed a discovery well in the SW\(\frac{1}{2}\)SW\(\frac{1}{2}\) Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. and as a result of the discovery the Commission designated the pool as the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool in February 1969. Since the completion of the discovery well, applicant has drilled 4 additional producing wells in the pools, and in addition, Sun Oil Company has drilled a producing well located in the SE\(\frac{1}{2}\)NE\(\frac{1}{2}\) Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 37 East. There is attached hereto, made a part hereof and for purposes of identification marked Exhibit "A", a plat showing the leasehold acreage owned by Coastal States in the area and also all of the producing wells.
- 2. That all of the wells which have been drilled in the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool have been located so that 80 acres may be dedicated thereto for spacing and allowable purposes. From all available information, applicant believes that each well producing from the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool will effectively and efficiently drain 80 acres or more and that in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation

of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, it is in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste to promulgate temporary special field rules and regulations providing for 80 acre spacing units and 80 acre proration units in said pool.

- 3. That applicant proposes that each well drilled to and producing from the West Sawyer (San Andres) Pool be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres more or less, consisting of the \mathbb{N}_2^1 , \mathbb{S}_2^1 , \mathbb{S}_2^1 or \mathbb{W}_2^1 of a single governmental quarter section.
- 4. That applicant has made an additional well location, being Coastal States' Federal 4 Well No. 1 located in the SE½NW½ Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, which well location is shown on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 5. Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be included on the docket for the examiner's hearing to be held on October 8, 1969.

Respectfully submitted,

COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING COMPANY

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