

MILNESAND ABO FIELD  
LEA and ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO  
ECONOMICS of DRILLING ON  
80 ACRE VS 40 ACRE SPACING

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 10280 Exhibit No. 9

Submitted by: Petroleum Production Inc.

Hearing Date: October 21, 1993

1. 80 ACRE SPACING

RECOVERABLE RESERVES = 130,000 BARRELS of OIL  
DRILLING COSTS = \$650,000 (EQUIPPED PRODUCER)

ECONOMICS:

INCOME	130,000 X .80 X \$20 X .925	= \$1,924,000
OPERATING EXPENSE	15 X 12 X 2500	= 450,000
NET OPERATING INCOME		= 1,474,000
DRILLING COST		= 650,000
NET PROFIT		= 824,000

PROFIT TO INVESTMENT RATIO =  $\frac{824,000}{650,000} = 1.27$

2. 40 ACRE SPACING

RECOVERABLE RESERVES = 65,000 BARRELS of OIL  
DRILLING COST = \$640,000 (EQUIPPED PRODUCER)

ECONOMICS:

INCOME	65,000 X .80 X \$20 X .925	= \$962,000
OPERATING EXPENSE	10 X 12 X 2500	= 300,000
NET OPERATING INCOME		= 662,000
DRILLING COST		= 640,000
NET PROFIT		= 22,000

PROFIT TO INVESTMENT RATIO =  $\frac{22,000}{640,000} = .03$

NOTE THAT THE PROFIT TO INVESTMENT RATIO IS JUST BARELY ACCEPTABLE FOR 80 ACRE SPACING AND THAT THE PROFIT TO INVESTMENT RATIO IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE FOR 40 ACRE SPACING. THIS FIELD CANNOT BE ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED ON ANY SPACING LESS THAN 80 ACRES.

ACTUAL DRILLING COSTS of MILNESAND ABO PRODUCERS:

BTA	= \$690,000
KNOX(PURVIS)	= 634,000
PPMI #3	= 587,400 (TD in Bough "C", sidetrack hole)
PPMI #4	= 712,300 (TD in Bough "C")