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Mr. William Lemay Director Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. Lemay:

BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. hereby applies for administrative approval of an unorthodox gas well location for a well to be located 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 27 East, Chavez County, New Mexico. The well will be drilled to test the Ordovician Montoya formation (approximately 7000 feet subsurface), and the N2 of Section 24 will be dedicated to the Enclosed are three original sets of land plats and well. geological exhibits, together with a geological discussion by William Morris, a geologist for BHP Petroleum.

Regarding notice to offset operators, BHP Petroleum operates Section 23 to the West, Collins & Ware, Inc. operates the SE% of Section 14 to the Northwest, and Hanlad Oil Corporation operates the St of Section 13 to the North. Notification of this application has been given to the offset operators.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

HINKEE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD &

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James Bruce

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Collins & Ware, Inc. (Certified Mail) Hanlad Oil Corporation (Certified Mail) PUFFER PROSPECT N/2 SEC 24, T8S R27E CHAVES CO., NEW MEXICO

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November 19, 1990

BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc. c/o James Bruce 500 Marquette, NW Suite 800 Albuquerque, NM 87102-2121

Administrative Order NSL-2942

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Reference is made to your application on behalf of BHP Petroleum, Inc. dated October 5, 1990 for a non-standard gas well location to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, to test the Ordovician formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. The N/2 of said Section 24 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of General Rule 104F(II) the above-described unorthodox gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay

Director

WJL/MES/ag

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

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April 24, 1991

Collins & Ware Inc. c/o Bill Seltzer 214 West Texas Suite 507 Midland, TX 79701

Attention: Bill Seltzer

Administrative Order NSL-3003

Dear Mr. Seltzer:

Reference is made to your application dated April 12, 1991 for a non-standard gas well location for your Conastoga State Well No. 1 to be located 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, to test the Ordovician formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. The S/2 of said Section 14 shall be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of General Rule 104F.(II) the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

William J. LeM

Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia

State Land Office - Santa Fe

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 10344:

Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location,

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Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Collins & Ware, Inc. hereby requests that the above-referenced case scheduled for hearing before a Division Examiner on July 25, 1991 be continued to the Examiner hearings scheduled for August 8, 1991.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

cc: Mr. Bill Seltzer

Conrad E. Coffield, Esq.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ARTESIA, NEW MEX. 86210

TO: David Catanach

FROM: Darrell Moore

DATE: 9/10/91

NUMBER OF SHEETS (INCLUDING TRANSMITTAL SHEET)

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CALL 505-748-1283.

FAX NUMBER: (505) 748-9720

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September 20, 1991

CAMBELL & BLACK Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 2208 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: CASE NO. 10344 ORDER NO. R-9583

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Florene Davidson

OC Staff Specialist

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cc: BLM Roswell Office

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PUFFER PROSPECT N/2 SEC 24, T8S R27E CHAVES CO., NEW MEXICO

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BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS)

TO: ERNIE CARROL, DAVE BONEAU

FROM: LESLIE BENTZ

RE: COMMENTS ON ORDER

5) NOTE HOW THEY CONVIENTLY IGNORE BHP'S UNORTHODOX LOCATION

- 7) THEY DID ACCEPT TOPOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE ALTHOUGH PLAINLY GEOLOGICAL INTENT
- 9) 3) 50% ACREAGE IS PRODUCTIVE I BELIEVE THIS WAS USED FOR PENALTY ASSESMENT AS WELL.
- 11) BELIEVE COLLINS AND WARE BECAUSE BHP DOESN'T HAVE DATA AND CHANGED THEIR MAP

I HAVE BOTH SETS OF DATA, PLUS SOME PROPRIETARY DATA

- 15) I BELIEVE WE MAY BY BE BETTER OFF NOT ASKING NOT TO BE PENALIZED
- OR A SMALL PENALTY... I BELIEVE DAMAGES CREDIBILITY
- 18) 50% PENALTY 330/660 AGAIN CONVIENTLY FORGETS BHP UNORTHODOX

I REALIZE WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES... WE HAVE MORE DATA THAN BHP... AND WE KNOW WHAT THERE DEFENSE IS BUT WE HAVE TO HONE IN ON THERE UNORTHDOX LOCATION WITHOUT MAKING THE OCD DEFENSIVE ABOUT GRANTING IT FREE OF PENALTIES WE HAVE TO BE BETTER TECHNICALLY AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE A BETTER STORY THAT COULD SHED LIGHT ON DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS I.E. UPTHRUST BLOCKS MODIFIED AND DISTORTED THROUGH TIME BY CONTINED MOVEMENT ALONG CONVERGENT WRENCH FAULTS. THE REAL PROBLEM ARISES BY JUSTIFYING SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES ON OUR ACREAGE AND PROPOSING A 330 LOCATION... I BELIEVE THE WAY IS TO SUBTRACT RESERVES FROM BHP AND SHOW THAT SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES UNDERLY ONLY THE NW/4 OF SECTION 24. IF NOT THEY WOULD HAVE DRILLED A WEST HALF SPACING UNIT ON THERE ORIGINAL INTERPRETATION. THEY NEEDED THAT 660 FNL LOCATION AND KNEW IT WOULD BE LESS OFFENSIVE TO GO 990 FROM THE 1980. IT WORKS OR THE OCD WOULD NOT GRANT ADMINSTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR THEM, THEY ARE PRODUCING 4 MMCFGPD WITH NO PENALTY AND THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DRAINING THE SW/4 OF SEC. 13.

I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH BOTH OF YOU AS SOON AS I GET MAPS AND STORY TOGETHER. I HAVE SEVERAL COMPETING THINGS GOING ON NOW WITH THE SAME DEADLINES.

PERTINENT FACTS AS PERTAIN TO THE HANLAD "AKZ" ST.2 UNORTHODOX LOCATION 1225FWL-330FSL S/2 13-T8S-R27E, CHAVES CO.,NM

OCT. 5, 1990,-

BHP APPLIES FOR ADMINSTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION PUFFER ST. #1 660FNL-990FWL N/2 24-T8S-R27E.

SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION.... APPROVED BUT DO NOT HAVE COPY OF OCD ORDER NO OPPOSITION

MARCH 5,1991 BHP COMPLETES MONTOYA (SILURO-ORDOVICIAN) PRODUCER 7.9 MMCFGPD

JULY 8,1991 FILES COMPLETION WITH OCD SEE ATTACHED COMPLETION REPORT.
JULY 1991- PUFFER WELL PUT ON PRODUCTION LINE SEE ATTACHED PRODUCTION
AS FILED WITH THE OCD. NOTE JAN.1992 IS MISSING, EITHER NOT FILED OR IS
MISPLACED BY THE OCD. PRODUCTION AS FILED WITH OCD TO DATE IS 799,693 MCFG.
AUG.1991- APPLICATION FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION COLLINS AND WARE
CASE 10344. SEE ATTACHED TRANSCRIPT AND EXHIBITS.330S-990E 14-T8S-R27E.
SEPT.1991 ORDER ISSUED 50% PENALTY TO COLLINS AND WARE
OCT.1991- YPC BUYS S/2 13-8-27 COMPETITIVE BID STATE LAND SALE
OCT.1991-JAN.1992 YPC WORKS OUT SETTLEMENT WITH MANZANO CONCERNING THE
HANLAD ST.#1 AN UNPLUGGED WELL ON S/2 13-8-27.BILL OF SALE JAN.
PURCHASE STEVENS LINE IN SEC. 13 AND WORK SEISIMIC TRADE FOR CRITICAL DATA
FROM BOTH COLLINS AND WARE AND BHP.YPC ALREADY OWNS LINE JOINTLY SHOT WITH
BHP FROM JAN.1990.

MARCH 1992- COLLINS AND WARE LOCATION.... OPERATED BY MANZANO, CONESTOGA ST. WELL #1 330FSL-990FEL 14-8S-27E. DRILLED AND ABANDONED AS A DRY HOLE IN THE MONTOYA

APRIL 1992- YPC SHOOTS 3 MILES OF PROPRIETARY DATA TO CHOOSE LOCATION.
MAY 1992 - YPC APPLIES FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION HANLAD AKX ST. #2
MAY 1992- ELK OIL APPLIES FOR UNORTHODOX LOCATION 1650N-990W N/2 13-8S-27E.
HEARING SET FOR JUNE 11,1992 FROM COLLINS AND WARE CASE AT LEAST A 50% PENALTY IS EXPECTED, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE DRY HOLE IN 14, THE CASE IS STRONGER FOR SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES IN SECTION 13. AS BHP IS UNORTHODOX LOCATION
THAT IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE RESERVES IN THE NW/4 OF 14, BUT ALSO THE SW/4 OF 13. I THINK WE CAN MAKE A CASE FOR A 25% -35% PENALTY. THIS IS MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE.

TO: ERNIE CARROLL, DAVE BONEAU, ROB BULLOCH FROM: LESLIE BENTZ