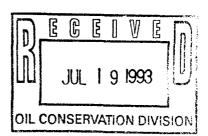
#### BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF BRIGHT & COMPANY TO DRILL A SECOND WELL IN A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT PROJECT, FOR AN UNORTHODOX SURFACE OIL WELL LOCATION, AND FOR SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR INCLUDING AN INCREASED OIL ALLOWABLE, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



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#### APPLICATION

Bright & Company hereby applies for approval to drill a second well in a previously approved horizontal directional drilling pilot project, and for additional relief, for a well to be drilled in the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in, and has the right to drill a well in, the  $W_2^1$  of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., Sandoval County, New Mexico.

2. Applicant is the operator of the Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 1 Well, a horizontal/high angle well with a surface location in Unit M of Section 35, which was drilled pursuant to Division Order No. R-9676, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Said well is completed in the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool, and the  $W_2^1$  of Section 35 is dedicated to the well.

3. Order No. R-9676 authorized the Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 1 Well to be drilled horizontally for a distance of 3,000 feet. Due to oil flows encountered while drilling said well, the wellbore is only approximately 800 feet in horizontal extent.

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4. In order to test the entire  $W_2^1$  of Section 35, and to test a separate Mancos zone, Applicant proposes to drill its Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 2 Well at a surface location 820 feet from the West line and 1,010 feet from the South line of Section 35, in the following unconventional manner:

> Drill vertically to a depth of approximately 3,539 feet, kick off from vertical and commence a medium radius curve in a north-northwest building direction, angle to approximately 87.25 degrees, drilling horizontally a distance of feet, approximately 3,613 and bottoming said wellbore at а location approximately 660 feet from the West line and 660 feet from the North line of the Section. The true vertical depth of the end of the wellbore will be at a depth of approximately 4,466 feet.

Copies of the Form C-102 and the drilling plan are attached hereto as Exhibits B and C.

5. The  $W_2^1$  of Section 35 shall be dedicated to both the Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 1 and No. 2 Wells. Applicant requests approval of the non-standard surface location for the No. 2 Well.

6. The special pool rules for the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool and Order No. R-9676 provide for an allowable for the well unit of 320 barrels of oil per day.

7. The Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 2 Well will test a different Mancos zone than the existing Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 1 Well, and as a result Applicant requests an additional oil allowable of 320 barrels of oil per day, so that the separate zone may be properly tested.

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8. Applicant further requests an oil allowable of 19,200 barrels (60 x 320 barrels) for a 60 day period while drilling and completing the Cuba Mesa Unit 35 No. 2 Well.

9. Except for the special oil allowables, Applicant requests that the special operating rules of Order No. R-9676 apply.

10. The granting of this application is in the interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Division grant the relief requested above,

Dated: 7/ 193 19

Respectfully submitted,

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

# IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 10459 Order No. R-9676

# APPLICATION OF BRIGHT & COMPANY FOR A HIGH ANGLE/HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT PROJECT, SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR, AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE POOL'S GAS/OIL RATIO LIMITATION FACTOR, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### **ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

#### **<u>BY THE DIVISION</u>**:

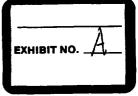
This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 2 and 30 and May 14, 1992, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 22nd day of May, 1992, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Bright & Company, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Undesignated Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool by drilling its Cuba Mesa Unit Well No. 1 at a standard surface oil well location 730 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, in the following unconventional manner:



(10) No part of the horizontal wellbore should be located closer than 660 feet from the outer boundary of the project area.

(11) The applicant should be required to conduct a directional survey on the vertical portion of the wellbore prior to commencing directional drilling operations, and on the horizontal portion of the wellbore during or subsequent to completion of directional drilling operations in order that direction, extent and terminus of said wellbore may be determined to be in compliance with the terms of this order.

(12) The applicant should further be required to submit copies of said directional surveys to the Santa Fe and Aztec offices of the Division.

(13) The applicant should notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the date and time of commencement of directional drilling operations and of the conductance of any directional surveys on the proposed well in order that these operations may be witnessed.

## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The application of Bright & Company for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the W/2 of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

(2) The applicant is further authorized to drill its Cuba Mesa Unit Well No. 1 at a standard surface oil well location 730 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, in the following unconventional manner:

Drill vertically to a depth of approximately 4,950 feet, run logs and evaluate the pay zone. Plug back and kick off from vertical at an approximate depth of 3,940 feet drilling a short radius curve in a north-northwest direction building angle to approximately 86.25 degrees from the vertical. Drill horizontally a distance of approximately 3,000 feet bottoming said wellbore at a location approximately 1250 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 35.

**PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT**, no portion of the horizontal wellbore shall be located closer than 660 feet from the outer boundary of the project area.

(3) The W/2 of said Section 35 shall be dedicated to the above-described well forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool.

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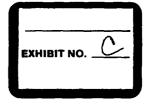
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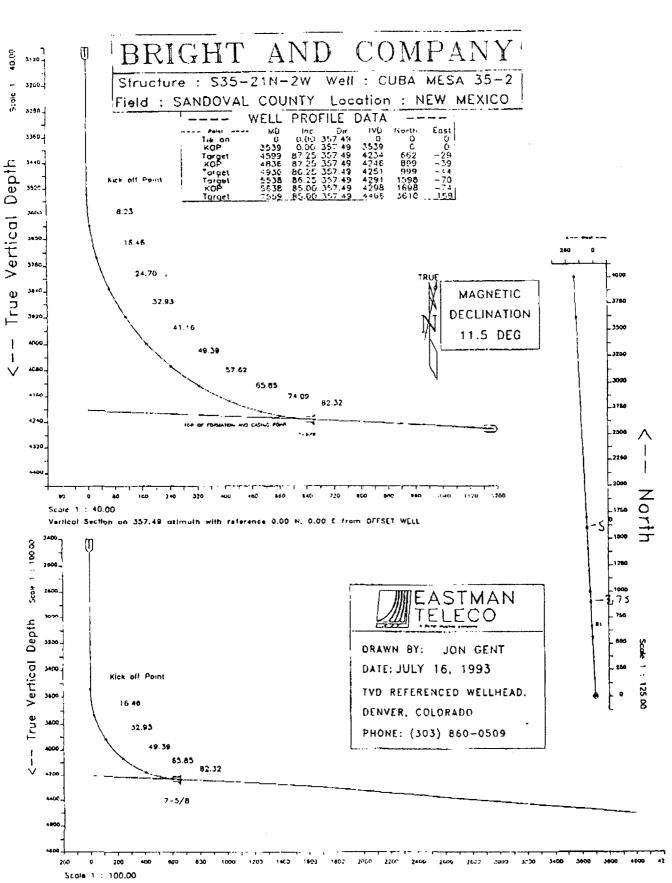
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