



KINLAW OIL CORPORATION

Mexico "F" Wells #1, 3, 5, & 10 Lea County, New Mexico Lease Acreage Plat

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. 10819 ORDER NO. R-9970

APPLICATION OF PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A SHORT RADIUS HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PROJECT AREA AND SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on September 9, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 22nd day of September, 1993, 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) Division Case Nos. 10818, 10819, 10820 and 10821 were consolidated at the time of the hearing for the purpose of testimony.

(3) The applicant, Petroleum Development Company, seeks authority to institute a short radius horizontal directional drilling project in the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool on its Mountain Federal Lease comprising the NE/4 and the E/2 NW/4 of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "project area".

(4) Within the project area the applicant seeks authority to:

(10) Division records indicate that the Mountain Federal Well No. 4 is the only well within the project area that is currently producing.

(11) The applicant now seeks approval to develop its Mountain Federal Lease with horizontal drilling technology by initially horizontally drilling its Mountain Federal Well Nos. 4 and 5.

(12) The procedures proposed by the applicant are more flexible and lenient than previously approved by the Division.

(13) According to applicant's testimony, it has tentatively determined the direction the Mountain Federal Well Nos. 4 and 5 will be drilled; however, the applicant seeks the flexibility to alter the proposed direction of either wellbore in the project area when technological or geological data warrant such alteration.

(14) The applicant further seeks the flexibility to traverse quarter or quarter-quarter section lines within the project area with either of its proposed horizontal wellbores in order to remove unnecessary restrictions on lateral wellbore distances which may restrict applicant's ability to test the limits of horizontal drilling technology.

(15) Horizontal drilling within the project area should result in the recovery of a significant volume of oil and gas which was not recovered by the existing conventional vertical wellbores, thereby preventing waste.

(16) The NE/4 and E/2 NW/4 of Section 30 is a single Federal lease which is commonly owned throughout. Approval of the subject application as proposed should not result in the violation of the correlative rights of any interest owner within the project area.

(17) According to applicant's testimony, the proposed 100 foot setback will allow for additional drilling flexibility, however, applicant further testified that it will attempt to maintain a reasonable distance from the outer boundary of the project area within its proposed horizontal wellbores.

(18) Murphy Operating Corporation and Yates Petroleum Corporation, the only offset operators to the proposed project, were notified of the application in this case but did not appear in protest.

(19) No other offset operator and/or interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

(3) The horizontal wellbores may traverse quarter and quarter-quarter section lines within the project area provided that the horizontal or producing portion of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 100 feet from the outer boundary of the project area.

(4) The applicant shall determine the actual location of the kick-off points in each well prior to commencing directional drilling operations. Also, the applicant shall conduct a directional survey on the lateral portion of each wellbore during or after completion of drilling operations.

(5) The applicant shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of conductance of any directional surveys in order that the same may be witnessed.

(6) The applicant shall submit copies of all directional surveys conducted on the subject well to both the Santa Fe and Hobbs offices of the Division.

(7) The allowable assigned to the project area in the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool shall be assigned by the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office and shall be equal to 80 BOPD X the number of standard 40-acre proration units within the project area which are developed or traversed by a horizontal wellbore.

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(8) The portion of the application requesting the establishment of administrative authorization procedures within the project area is hereby <u>dismissed</u>.

(9) Jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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> BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. <u>10878</u> Exhibit No. <u>2</u>

Submitted by: Kinlaw Oil Corporation

Hearing Date: December 16, 1993

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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:

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CASE NO. 10863 Order No. R-10022

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR A HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT PROJECT AND SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 4, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 23rd day of November, 1993, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks authority to initiate a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, thereby creating a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool.

(3) The applicant further seeks authority to horizontally drill its proposed Loveless "LQ" State Well No. 9 at a surface location 990 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 36 in the following unconventional manner: (7) Petroleum Development Corporation, the only affected offset operator, expressed its support of Yates' application by letter which was submitted as evidence in this case.

(8) No other offset operator and/or interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

(9) The SW/4 of Section 36 is currently being developed in the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool by the Loveless "LQ" State Well Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 8 located, respectively, in Units K, L, M and N. All of these wells are currently marginal producing wells in the subject pool.

(10) Horizontal drilling within the SW/4 of Section 36 should result in the recovery of a significant volume of oil and gas which will otherwise not be recovered by the existing conventional vertical wellbores, thereby preventing waste.

(11) In the interest of conservation and prevention of waste, the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a horizontal directional drilling project should be approved.

(12) According to applicant's evidence, the proposed 100 foot setback from the outer boundary of the project area will allow the flexibility to extend the wellbore the maximum distance.

(13) The project allowable should be based upon the number of standard 40acre proration units within the project area which are developed or traversed by the horizontal wellbore, or $(4 \times 80 \text{ BOPD}) = 320 \text{ BOPD}$.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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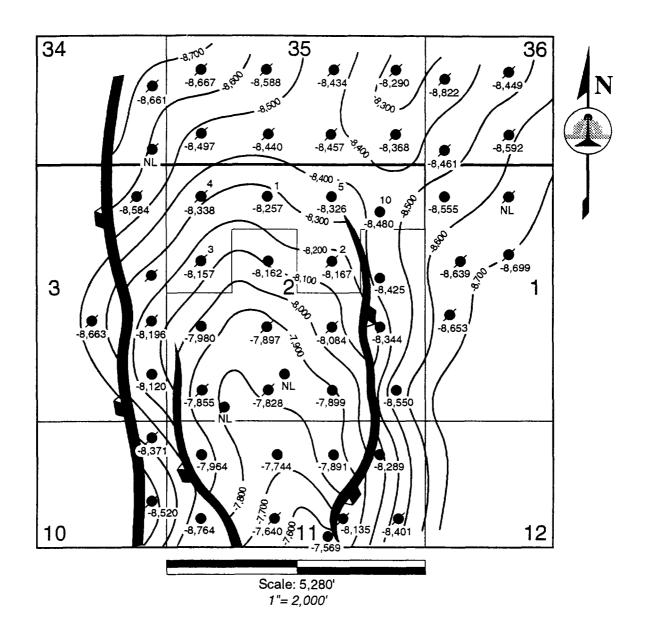
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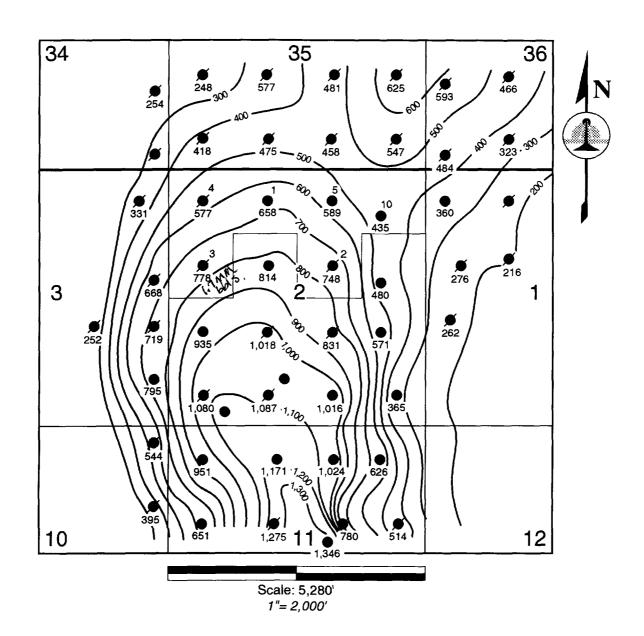


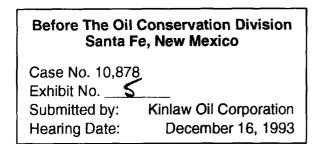
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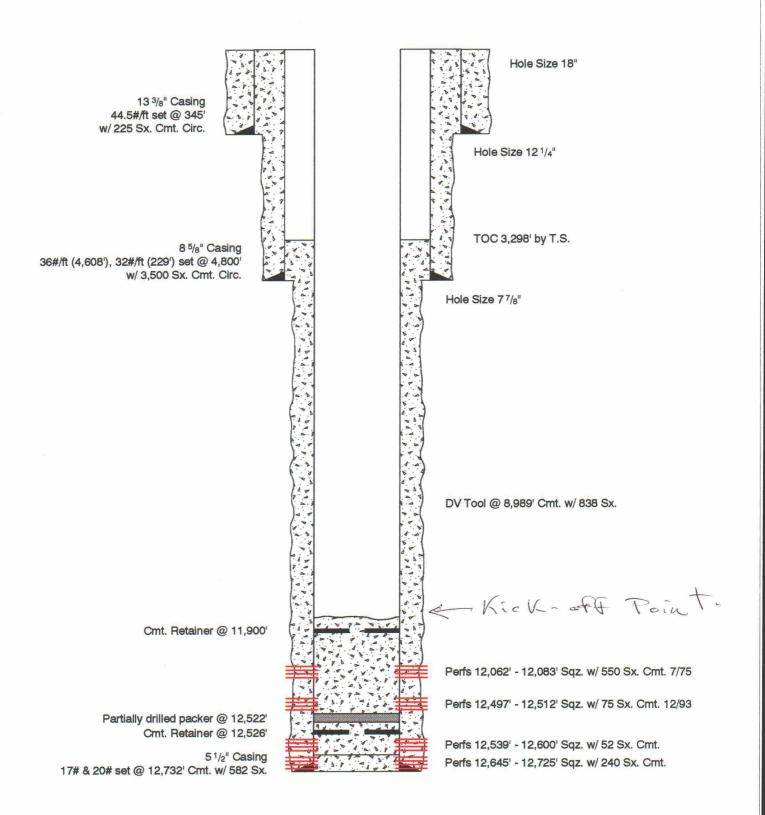




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KINLAW OIL CORPORATION Mexico "F" Wells #1, 3, 5, & 10 Lea County, New Mexico Re-entry Wellbore Diagram

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF KINLAW OIL CORPORATION FOR A LEASEWIDE HIGH ANGLE/HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT PROJECT AND FOR THE PROMULGATION OF SPECIAL **OPERATING RULES THEREFOR,** LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 10878

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE

WILLIAM F. CARR, attorney in fact and authorized representative of Kinlaw Oil Corporation, the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that the notice provisions of Rule 1207 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division have been complied with, that Applicant has caused to be conducted a good faith diligent effort to find the correct addresses of all interested persons entitled to receive notice as shown by Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and that pursuant to Rule 1207, notice has been given at the correct addresses provided by such rule.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1993.

My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT A

Devon Energy Corp. (Nevada) 1500 Mid-America Tower 20 North Broadway Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Cody Energy, Inc. Suite 1200 16825 North Chase Houston, TX 77060

Pennzoil Petroleum Co. Post Office Box 2967 Houston, TX 77252

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Post Office Box 1150 Midland, TX 79702

Polaris Production Corp. 415 W. Wall, Suite 2010 Midland, TX 79701

S & J Operating Company Box 2249 Wichita Falls, TX 76307

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. <u>10878</u> Exhibit No. <u>7</u>

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November 11, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Devon Energy Corp. (Nevada) 1500 Mid-America Tower 20 North Broadway Oklahoma City, OK 73102

> Re: Application of Kinlaw Oil Corporation for a Horizontal Directional Drilling Pilot Project and Special Operating Rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico

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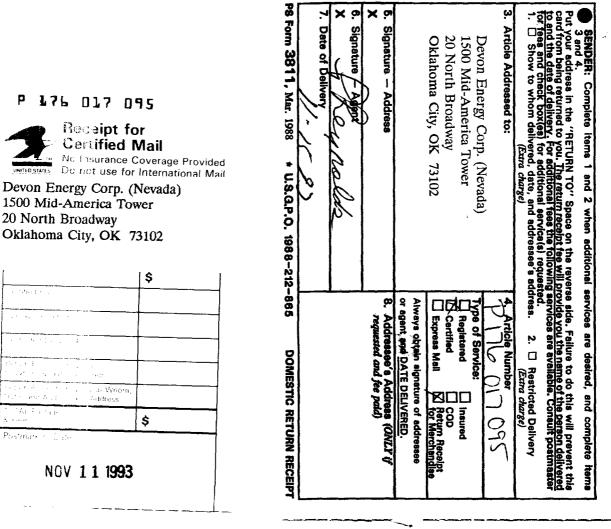
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This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 2, 1993. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear at the hearing 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 have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

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November 11, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

S & J Operating Company Box 2249 Wichita Falls, TX 76307

> Re: Application of Kinlaw Oil Corporation for a Horizontal Directional Drilling Pilot Project and Special Operating Rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

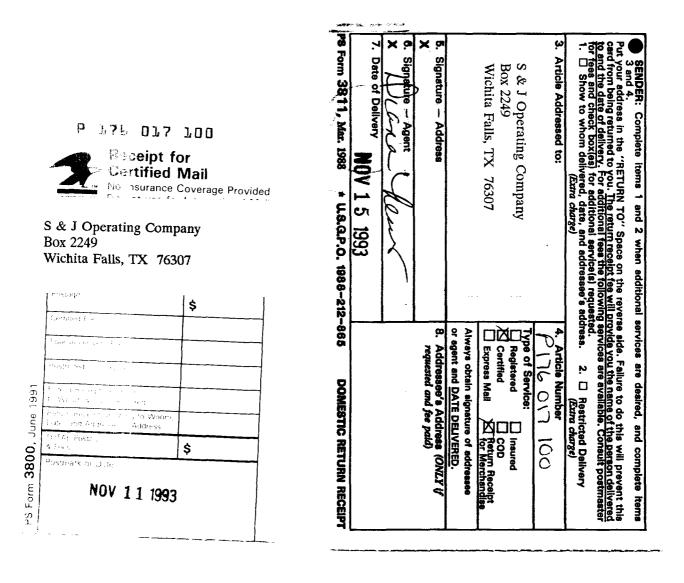
This letter is to advise you that Kinlaw Oil Corporation has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking approval to re-enter and horizontally drill four wells on its Mexico Lease comprised of the N/2 N/2, SW/4 NW/4 and SW/4 NE/4 of Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., in the South Crossroads-Devonian Pool.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 2, 1993. 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 at the hearing 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 have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours, ILIAN

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