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Atlantic Richfield Company P.O. Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Mr. W. P. Tomlinson

Gentlemen:

Your letter of May 30 states that you are now actively working toward unitization of the proposed Robinson-Jackson unit, Eddy County, New Mexico, and inquires if the designation of such proposed unit area is still in effect.

Our records show that the Acting Director's letter of November 7, 1968, to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company designated the Robinson-Jackson unit area as logically subject to operation under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act as amended. Inasmuch as Sinclair was merged into Atlantic in 1969, this office will consider an application for approval of the Robinson-Jackson unit agreement if submitted by Atlantic in accordance with the Acting Director's letter of November 7, 1968. All references to "Sinclair Oil and Gas Company" in the unit agreement should of course be replaced by "Atlantic Richfield Company." In addition, the format of the sample exhibits attached to the 1968 reprint of the Form of Unit Agreement for Unproved Areas should be followed closely in the preparation of exhibits A, B, and C.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor

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Sinclair Oil and Gas Company P. O. Box 1470 Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Your undated application filed on September 5, 1968, with the Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor, Roswell, New Mexico, requests the designation of the Robinson-Jackson unit area embracing 1,160 acres, more or less, of Federal land, Eddy County, New Mexico, as logically subject to operation under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

Unitization is for the purpose of conducting secondary recovery operations by waterflooding and will be limited to the Grayburg formation and the upper portion of the San Andres formation, such stratigraphic interval being defined by Section 2(f) of the unit agreement. The proposed unit area has been developed by 42 wells that are now or have been completed in the formation to be unitized. Participation will be based 90 percent on ultimate primary production and 10 percent on surface acreage. You estimate that secondary recovery operations will result in the recovery of 2,709,582 barrels of additional oil.

The land outlined on your plat marked Exhibit A, Robinson-Jackson unit, Eddy County, New Mexico, is acceptable as a logical unit area for secondary operations. Your proposed form of unit agreement, which modifies the standard form to the extent necessary to cover conditions incidental to secondary recovery operations in a producing unit, will be acceptable if further modified in accordance with the marked form returned herewith.) The remaining marked copies of the proposed form of unit agreement are being retained for distribution to the appropriate offices of the Geological Survey.

(In the absence of any type of land requiring special provisions or any objections not now apparent, a duly executed agreement conformed to the marked copy and approved by the appropriate officials of the State of New Mexico will be approved if submitted in approvable status within a reasonable period of time.) However, the right is reserved to deny approval of any executed agreement that, in our opinion, does not have the full commitment of sufficient lands to afford effective control of secondary recovery operations. Please include the latest status of all acreage when the executed agreement is submitted for final approval. The format of the sample exhibits attached to the 1961 reprint of the standard form should be followed closely in the preparation of Exhibits A and B.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Director