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Exxon Company, U.S.A. P. O. Box 1600

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ATTENTION: Mr. Joe Thomas

Trades & Unitization

Land Section

RE: Proposed Escalante Working Interest Unit Township 23 South, Range 25 East, NMPM

> Section 16: All Section 17: All Section 20: E 1/2 Section 21: All

Eddy County, New Mexico

1-89 C# 0002-89

Gentlemen:

Siete Oil & Gas Corporation is proposing to drill our Escalante Prospect as an 11,000' Morrow test to be located in the SW 1/4 Section 16, T-23-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Siete holds 600 acres within the proposed unit. Exxon holds 800 acres within what Siete considers to be the prospective area being all of Section 17 and the NE 1/4 Section 20, T-23-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Siete requests that you contribute your 800 acres under two federal leases to a 2240 acre working interest unit.

Our preliminary AFE estimate to drill and equip this well is \$750,000.00. Siete has scheduled this well for March 15, 1989. We are also submitting letters to Santa Fe Energy and Amoco Production Company requesting a similiar contribution to the proposed unit.

Should Exxon not be in a position to participate in this proposal, Siete requests an option farmout in support of this well. Also, with a commitment to farmout or participate Siete would be in a position to make a geological presentation of the Escalante Prospect.

Should you have any questions or care to discuss this proposal, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

SIETE OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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Vice President Land

Exhibit No. **2.** (Exc. Case No. 9797, 9832 Hearing Date November 29, 1989

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Santa Fe Energy Cerating Partners, L.P.

Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company **Managing General Partner**

August 25, 1989

Exxon Company, U.S.A. P.O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79702-1600

ATTN: Joe Thomas

Trades & Unitization

Re: OD-NM-617,282 (O/A) Escalante Fed Com "20" #1 1980' FEL & 660' FNL Sec. 20 T-23-S, R-25-E

Eddy County, New Mexico

Mutton Prospect

7# 8-89(0038-89)

Gentlemen:

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. is hereby proposing to drill a 10,900' Morrow test at the referenced location in Eddy County, New Mexico. The N/2 of Section 20 is to be the dedicated Proration Unit. Santa Fe invites you to join in this test and in this regard has enclosed two AFES itemizing the costs. If it is your desire to join, please so indicate by executing and returning one executed AFE to the undersigned. A JO/A will be forwarded upon your election to join.

Should you elect not to join, Santa Fe would request that you farmout your interest in the Proration Unit under mutually acceptable terms.

Your prompt attention to this proposal will be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. By: Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company,

Managing General Partner

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SANTA FE ENERGY COMPANY GENERALIZED WELL COST ESTIMATE

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-53	COMPLETION TOOL RENTAL			10,000
-54	CASED HOLE LOGS & PERFING			5,000
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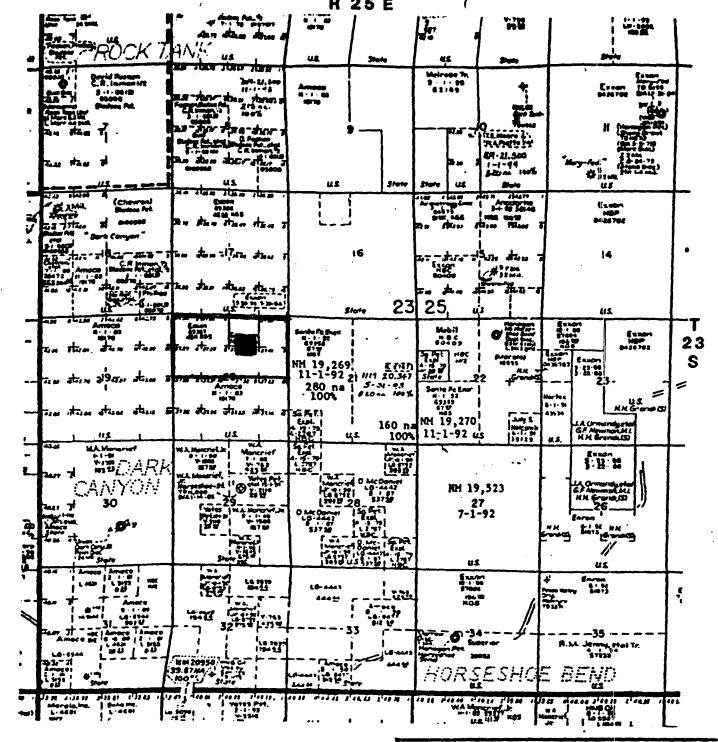
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EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT WESTERN DIVISION

September 26, 1989

Pending No. 8-89 (0038-89) Your OD-NM-617,282 (0/A) Escalante Fed Com "20" #1 Section 20: N/2, 23S-25E Eddy County, New Mexico

Mr. Patrick J. Tower Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. 500 W. Illinois, Ste. 500 Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Tower:

Exxon Company, U.S.A., is in receipt of your letter dated August 25, in which it is requested that Exxon elect to join or farmout the referenced acreage for a 10,900' Morrow test. After careful consideration, Exxon respectfully declines your request in the proposed unit at this time.

We appreciate your request and hope the future will hold some mutually beneficial opportunities.

Yours very truly,

original signed by
Joe B. Thomas
Trades and Unitization
915/683-0236

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615 W. Missouri Avenue Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Thomas:

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On behalf of our client, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., we filed the enclosed Application in order to have the matter heard on the November 1, 1989 docket. However, per our understanding in such matters, when there exists a potential conflict between clients, both of whom we represent, we will withdraw from representing either client if the matter is not resolved.

Sincerely,

Owen M. Lopez

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OCT 1 0 1989

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR)	. 4	OR CONSERVATION DIVISION
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY NEW MEXICO.)	Case No.	

APPLICATION

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. hereby makes application for an order pooling all interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow Formation underlying the N/2 of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Applicant has the right and proposes to drill its Escalante 20 Fed. Com. #1 well at an orthodox location 660 feet FNL and 1980 FEL of said Section 20 to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow Formation and intends to dedicate the N/2 of Section 20 to the well.
- 2. Applicant has in good faith sought to join all other mineral and leasehold interest owners in the N/2 of Section 20 for the purposes set forth herein.
- 3. Although Applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral and leasehold interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have refused to join in dedicating their acreage. Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral and leasehold interest owners from the surface to the base of the Morrow Formation underlying the N/2 of

Section 20, pursuant to N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17 (1987 Repl.).

- 4. Applicant requests the Division to consider the cost of drilling and completing the well, the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision. Applicant requests that it be designated as operator of the well and that the Division set a penalty of 200% for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- 5. The pooling of all interests underlying the N/2 of Section 20 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 6. Applicant requests that this matter be heard at the November 1, 1989 Examiner hearing.

wherefore, Applicant requests that the Division grant the relief requested above.

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Attorneys for Applicant Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.



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PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION October 19, 1989

OD-NM-617,282 (O/A)
Escalante Fed Com "20" #1
1980' FEL & 660' FNL
Section 20-23S-25E
Eddy County, New Mexico
Your Mutton Prospect
Our Sheep Draw West Prospect

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. 500 W. Illinois, Suite 500

Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Patrick J. Tower

Gentlemen:

No Tripped Date !

By letter of August 25, 1989, you proposed to drill the captioned well with the N/2 of Section 20 as the dedicated proration unit. By letter of September 26th, we advised that Exxon was not interested in participating in this well. Since your initial letter did not provide terms for a farmout, we did not propose any farmout terms at that time. Subsequent to that time, Exxon has received notification of your intention to force pool Exxon at a November 1st hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. In order to resolve our farmout terms before the hearing, Exxon proposes the following terms and alternatives:

- 1. Exxon requests that Santa Fe consider amending your location in order to utilize the E/2 of Section 20 as the dedicated proration unit. This configuration will protect Santa Fe's acreage in Section 21 by eliminating the possibility of another well being drilled in the SE/4 of Section 20. In return for dedicating the E/2 of Section 20, Exxon will farmout our acreage in the NE/4 of Section 20 to Santa Fe on a produce to earn basis delivering a 75% NRI lease with Exxon reserving an overriding royalty equal to the difference between 25% and existing lease burdens. Exxon shall not reserve any back-in after payout of the initial well.
- 2. If Santa Fe will not consider our proposal in 1. above, then Exxon will farmout its leasehold in the N/2 of Section 20 on a produce to earn basis delivering a 75% NRI lease with Exxon reserving an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference between 25% and existing lease burdens. This overriding royalty interest shall be convertible to a 1/3 back-in after payout of the initial well.

As stated above, Exxon prefers that Santa Fe realign their proration unit to encompass the E/2 Section 20. If you have any questions concerning these proposals, please contact the undersigned at 688-6758. Your early attention to this matter is appreciated.

Yours Very Truly,

Brockman King

Production Land Coordination

Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company
Managing General Paymer

Managing General Partner CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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October 26, 1989

Exxon Company, U.S.A. P.O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79702-1600

ATTN: Brockman King

Production Land Coordinator

Re: OD-NM-617,282 (O/A)

Escalante Fed Com 20 #1 1980' FNL & 1980' FWL Sec. 20, T-23-S, R-25-E Eddy County, New Mexico

Mutton Prospect

Your Sheep Draw West Prospect

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to Exxon's letter of October 19, 1989 and several conversations concerning same. It has just come to Santa Fe's attention through conversations with the OCD District Office that the referenced well will fall under the Field Rules for the Rock Tank Morrow Pool which commands 640 acre spacing. Initially Santa Fe and the OCD District Office felt this location would qualify for 320 acre spacing due to the Dark Canyon Penn Field to the South. However with further research by the OCD, this well is to be placed in the said Rock Tank Field.

Santa Fe has also been forced to move its location due to the topography located around this location. After staking approximately four locations, the only viable location appears to be 1980' FNL & 1980' FWL of this Section 20. Due to this falling approximately 200 feet higher in elevation from our original location, the projected total depth now becomes 11,100'. This should not affect the original AFE costs.

Considering the above, Exxon's request to utilize the E/2 of Section 20 as a Proration Unit and its suggested farmout terms could not be accommodated. Irregardless of the 640 acre spacing, the E/2 Proration Unit is not allowable pursuant to the Federal Regulations, specifically under 43 CFR Section 3105.2-2. The BLM will not approve a Communitization Agreement if it can be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well spacing program. Since Amoco's lease in the S/2 of Section 20 could have been developed independently on a 320 acre spacing basis, it is our understanding the BLM will not communitize said tract irregardless of OCD approval of same.

Santa Fe will entertain accepting a farmout agreement from Exxon of its interest in the 640 acre Proration Unit, based on delivering a 75% NRI

Permian Basin District 500 W. Illinois Suite 500 Midland, Texas 79701 915:687-3551 Page 2 Exxon Company, U.S.A. October 26, 1989

lease with Exxon reserving an ORRI equal to the difference of 25% and existing lease burdens with Exxon having the option to convert the ORRI to a 25% Back-In APO of the initial well, all proportionately reduced. Santa Fe feels that a one-third (1/3rd) Back-In, as Exxon proposes, is excessive for this exploratory Morrow test. Should Exxon like to reconsider and join this well, Santa Fe will likewise offer the option to Exxon should the change in spacing influence Exxon's initial decision.

In order to proceed with this test, Santa Fe plans to go ahead and re-advertise the Compulsory Pooling for the November 29, 1989 doctors. Hopefully a voluntary agreement can be reached and said hearing dismission.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. By: Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company, Managing General Partner

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 9797

AMENDED APPLICATION

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., hereby makes an amended application for non-standard spacing and proration units and an order pooling all interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Applicant has the right to drill, and proposes to drill, its Escalante 20 Fed. Com. No. 1 well at a standard location 1,980 feet from the North line and 1,980 feet from the West line of said Section 20, to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation (approximately 11,000 feet), and intends to dedicate the following acreage to the well:
- (a) All of Section 20 for all pools or formations spaced on 640 acres; and
 - (b) The N_2 of Section 20 for all pools or formations spaced on 320 acres.
 - 2. Applicant has in good faith sought to join all other mineral and leasehold interest owners in Section 20 for the purposes set forth herein.

- 3. Although Applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral and leasehold interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have refused to join in dedicating their acreage. Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral and leasehold interest owners from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying Section 20, as described above, pursuant to N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17 (1987 Repl.).
- 4. Applicant requests the Division to consider the cost of drilling and completing the well, the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision. Applicant requests that it be designated as operator of the well and that the Division set a penalty of 200% for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- 5. Upon information and belief, due to variations in the U.S. Public Land Surveys, Section 20 does not contain 640 acres, thus necessitating non-standard spacing and proration units for units comprising the N½ of Section 20 and possibly for units comprising all of Section 20.
- 6. The pooling of all interests underlying Section 20, as described above, and the granting of the non-standard spacing and proration units, will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

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7. Applicant requests that this matter be heard

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

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

By

James Bruce

500 Marquette, N.W.

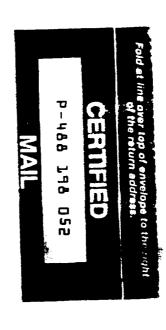
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Application of Exxon Company, USA

for Compulsory Pooling and Unorthodox *Gas Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Exxon Company, USA please find enclosed our Application for Compulsory Pooling which we would request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for November 29, 1989.

By copy of this letter to all parties to be pooled and offsetting operators, we are notifying them by certified. mail, return-receipt requested, that they have the right to appear at the hearing, to make a statement to the Division, to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses either in support of or in opposition to the Application. In addition, they are advised that the entry of a Compulsory Pooling Order will affect their rights to share in the production from the subject well.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Killahin

WTK/tic Encl.

xc: Mr. William T. Duncan Exxon Company, USA Post Office Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79709

Certified Mail Return-Receipt

All parties listed on Exhibit "A" and "B" of the Application, w/encl.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EXXON COMPANY, USA FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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CASE NO. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, EXXON COMPANY, USA, by and through its attorneys, Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey and in accordance with Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral .interest as follows: From the top of Wolfcamp Formation to base of the Morrow Formation, underlying the E/2 of Section 20, T23S, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant further seeks to have Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., designated as operator for a well to be drilled at an unorthodox well location in the NE/4 of said Section.

Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 600 feet FNL and 660 feet fEL of said Section 20, T23S, R25E, NMPM, and in support thereof would show:

- 1. The working interest owners in Section 20, T23S, R25E are as follows:
- (1) Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners L.P. (NW/4 NE/4)

40 acres

- (2) Exxon Company, USA (all of N/2 except NW/4 NE/4)
- 280 acres

(3) Amoco Production Company (all of S/2)

320 acres

- 2. Applicant desires to have Santa Fe Operating Partners L.P. designated operator for a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location in NE/4 of Section 20.
- 3. Applicant has sought a voluntary agreement with all those parties shown on Exhibit "A" for the formation of appropriate spacing and proration unit for the drilling of the subject well, but has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement.
- 4. The proposed unorthodox location is the optimum location in the E/2 of Section 20 at which to drill the subject well. The offset operators towards whom the well encroaches are set forth on Exhibit B.
- 5. Pursuant to the Division notice requirements, applicant has notified all those parties shown on Exhibits "A" and "B" of this Application for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location and the Applicant's request for a hearing before the Division to be set on November 29, 1989.
- 6. In order to obtain its just and equitable share of the potential production underlying the above tract.

 Applicant needs an order pooling the mineral interest

involved in order to protect Applicant's correlative rights and prevent waste.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this Application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order approving the pooling the mineral interest described herein. Applicant further prays that Santa Fe Energy Operators L.P. be named operator of the well, and that the order make provisions for Santa Fe Energy Operators L.P. to recover out of production its costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well, costs of operation, including costs of supervision, and a risk factor in an amount to be determined at the hearing for the drilling and completing of the well at an unorthodox well location, for such other and further relief as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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EXHIBIT "A"

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS IN SPACING UNIT

Exxon Company, USA P.O. Box 1600	37.5%
Midland, Texas 79702-1600	
Amoco Production Company Regulatory Affairs Section Room 3.338	50%
P.O. Box 3092 Houston, Texas 77253	
Attn: Dan Currens	40 FQ
Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners L.P. 500 W. Illinois, Suite 300 Midland, Texas 78701 Attn: Patrick J. Tower	12.5%

EXHIBIT "B"

OFFSET OPERATORS

Exxon Company, USA P.O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79702

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. 500 W. Illinois, Suite 300 Midland, Texas 78701

Siete Oil & Gas Corp. P.O. Box 2523 Roswell, New Mexico 88202