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2	ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
3	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
4	CASE 9977
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6	EXAMINER HEARING
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8	IN THE MATTER OF:
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10	Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company
11	(USA) for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New
12	Mexico
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14	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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16	BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER
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18	STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
19	SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
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1	WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had
2	at 8:22 a.m.:
3	EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll call
4	Case 9977.
5	MR. CARROLL: Application of Pacific
6	Enterprises Oil Company (USA) for compulsory pooling,
7	Eddy County, New Mexico.
8	EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there appearances in
9	this case?
10	MR. PEARCE: May it please the Examiner, I'm
11	W. Perry Pearce of the Santa Fe office of the firm of
12	Montgomery and Andrews.
13	Mr. Examiner, this case was heard previously.
14	It was readvertised because of an error. At this time
15	we believe the record is complete, and we would ask
16	that the case be taken under advisement. And because
17	the party is ready to begin drilling this well, we
18	request an expedited Order.
19	EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there any other
20	appearances or statements in this case at this time?
21	Case 9977 will be taken under advisement.
22	(Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded
23	at 8:23 a.m.)
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3	STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
4) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
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1	WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had
2	at 11:40 a.m.:
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4	EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll call
5	Case 9977.
6	MR. CARROLL: Application of Pacific
7	Enterprises Oil Company (USA) for compulsory pooling,
8	Eddy County, New Mexico.
9	EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there appearances in
10	this case?
11	MR. PEARCE: May it please the Examiner, I'm
12	W. Perry Pearce with the law firm Montgomery and
13	Andrews, appearing in this matter on behalf of the
14	Applicant.
15	I have two witnesses to be sworn.
16	MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, my
17	name is William F. Carr with the law firm Campbell and
18	Black, P.A., of Santa Fe.
19	I represent Yates Petroleum Corporation, and
20	I do not intend to call a witness.
21	EXAMINER CATANACH: Any other appearances?
22	Will the two witnesses please stand and be
23	sworn in?
24	(Thereupon, the witnesses were sworn.)
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1	TERRY GANT,
2	the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
3	upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:
4	DIRECT EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. PEARCE:
6	Q. For the record, sir, would you please state
7	your name and your employment?
8	A. Terry Gant. I work for Pacific Enterprises.
9	Q. Mr. Gant, what's your responsibility with
10	Pacific Enterprises?
11	A. I'm a landman.
12	Q. And have you previously appeared before the
13	New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as a petroleum
14	landman and had your education and experience made a
15	matter of record, and have you been accepted as an
16	expert in that field?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And are you familiar with the Application
19	filed by Pacific Enterprises in Case 9977 that's being
20	heard today?
21	A. Yes.
22	MR. PEARCE: Mr. Examiner, at this time I
23	would ask that Mr. Gant be again recognized as an
24	expert in the field of petroleum land matters.
25	EXAMINER CATANACH: He is so qualified.

1	Q. (By Mr. Pearce) Mr. Gant, at this time I
2	would like you, please, to look at what we have
3	previously marked as Exhibit Number 1 to this
4	proceeding. Please explain what the first page of that
5	exhibit reflects.
6	A. The first page is going to reflect basically
7	ownership on a plat basis. Underneath, then, will be
8	basically a more detailed breakout.
9	Q. And that reflects all interest owners in the
LO	tract you're proposing to pool today?
L1	A. Yes, sir.
L2	Q. Let's turn quickly to what we've marked as
L3	Exhibit Number 2, please. What is that exhibit?
L4	A. That will be the first letter I sent to the
L5	remaining or the other working-interest owners in
L6	the east half of Section 34, which basically spells out
L7	that we'd like to drill a 10,800-foot Morrow test well
L8	at a standard location, being 1980 from the south, 1980
L9	from the east line of said Section 34.
20	Also attached was an AFE or estimated well
21	cost for that well, and basically stating that we would
22	like to place all mineral interests from below the base
23	of the Abo Formation to the base of the Morrow

All right, sir. If I may interrupt the

Formation into such unit.

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witness for a moment, Mr. Examiner, and explain a problem.

The legal advertisement for this case specifies only a portion of the formations that were set forth in this notice letter, and there's some lack of clarity in the Application itself.

It appears to me that readvertisement as to a part of the formations will be necessary, and I'd like the witness to describe to us his understanding of the legal advertisement of this case, which is shown on the docket, and what's reflected in your letter.

A. Okay. In the letter, actually in Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3, in both letters that went out, again we were talking about pooling or using, I guess, or forming a standard 320 gas unit for the formations being below the base of the Abo to the base of the Morrow Formation.

And in the Application it states basically, if I remember correctly, it would be the Empire -- Empire-Pennsylvania Gas Pool which, again, to my understanding, covers all formations except for the Wolf Camp.

- Q. Okay.
- A. And the Wolf Camp we would like to be included.

1	Q. And therefore it's your understanding that
2	the legal advertisement needs to be expanded to include
3	the Wolf Camp; is that correct?
4	A. Yes, sir.
5	MR. PEARCE: Mr. Examiner, at this time we'd
6	like permission to present evidence on this case in
7	total with the understanding that subsequent to
8	additional advertising I would appear at that call and
9	see if there's additional testimony.
10	EXAMINER CATANACH: You may proceed, Mr.
11	Pearce.
12	Q. (By Mr. Pearce) All right, sir.
13	The May 7th letter, then, was sent to the
14	interest owners reflected and gave notice that we are
15	seeking to drill this acreage?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. Could you please look at what we've marked as
18	Exhibit Number 3
19	A. Okay.
20	Q and discuss this letter for us?
21	A. Basically in this letter what I've done is
22	gone back. The same parties have actually increased,
23	if the people did not want to participate, increased by
24	farmout terms in this letter.
25	Also attached is a draft of the JOA for

1 people that did desire to participate to review. And once again, that went to all of the 2 interested parties? 3 A. Yes, sir. 4 Mr. Gant, have you reviewed the normal 5 Q. administrative and overhead costs in this area to 6 determine reasonable rates? Yes, sir. 8 Α. 9 And what rates is Pacific Enterprises seeking 0. in this case? 10 11 Α. Drilling rates of \$5000 and producing rates of \$500. 12 13 And is it your opinion, after your study, Q. 14 that those rates are in line with other rates charged by operators in the area? 15 Yes, sir. 16 Α. 17 Q. I would ask you now, please, to look at what 18 we've marked as Exhibit Number 4 to this proceeding, 19 and could you describe that for us, please? 20 Α. Actually, on the second -- I'll say with page 1 of 3, it shows the Authority For Expenditure. 21 22 is the estimated cost to drill said well, which was 23 sent out, again, to all the other working-interest owners. 24 25 And then on the top of page 1 will be a memo

1 that was basically set out by our operations engineer 2 to verify that the costs are within reason. 3 All right, sir. And will a subsequent witness testify about the risk associated with drilling 5 a well of this type in this area? 6 Α. Yes, sir. 7 Q. After reviewing those matters quickly, Mr. Gant, do you have other items which you would like to 8 9 highlight for the Examiner or those in attendance? 10 I'd probably like to state that you can see back on Exhibit 1, we have had response from Yates 11 12 Petroleum Corporation who has advised us that they 13 would desire to participate in this well. However, we have not yet signed a JOA with said company. 14 Also Fina Oil and Chemical Company has 15 16 advised us that they desire to farm out. Again, we do not have a formal agreement setting out the farmout. 17 For that reason, we'd like to keep everybody, I guess, 18 19 and force-pool everybody still. 20 All right, sir. Anything further? 0. No, sir. 21 A. 22 MR. PEARCE: No further questions of this 23 witness, Mr. Examiner. 24 I would move the admission of Exhibits 1 25 through 4 in this proceeding.

1	EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 1 through 4 will
2	be admitted as evidence.
3	Mr. Carr?
4	CROSS-EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. CARR:
6	Q. Mr. Gant, you have received a signed AFE from
7	Yates Petroleum Corporation, have you not?
8	A. Yes, sir.
9	Q. In fact, that was received on about the 19th
10	of this month?
11	A. I believe that's correct.
12	Q. Prior to that time, you received an executed
13	joint operating agreement from Yates, did you not?
14	A. I received an executed draft, yes, sir.
15	Q. And the operating agreement was tendered to
16	you with a transmittal letter. Let me just hand you a
17	letter dated June the 12th
18	A. I have a copy.
19	Q. The first sentence in that letter indicated
20	reads as follows: Yates Petroleum Corporation
21	agrees to join and drill the 34 State Comm Number 1
22	Well; isn't that right?
23	A. Yes, sir.
24	Q. Then they propose a couple of amendments to
25	the operating agreement.

1	A. Yes, sir.
2	Q. Has Pacific responded to those proposed
3	amendments to the operating agreement as of this time?
4	A. No, sir.
5	Q. Do you know if Pacific has any objection to
6	any of those proposals?
7	A. Right now we're reviewing the proposals.
8	Q. And you don't know whether you have an
9	objection or not?
10	A. Not at this time, sir.
11	Q. If you had no objection, then you would have
12	complete agreement with Yates, you would have an AFE
13	and an operating agreement, would you not?
14	A. That would be correct, sir.
15	The only Excuse me for one second. The
16	only thing, I would like to point out again that the
17	JOA that was signed was a draft. It was not completely
18	filled out, and it was sent out as a draft.
19	But you are correct, the form basically would
20	be an agreement.
21	Q. When you say that it is a draft and it has a
22	total on it of \$622,050 for the well
23	A. We're talking I'm talking about the JOA.
24	Q. Oh, okay, all right.
25	A. Yeah, the AFE, no, we're fine.

1 0. When you say it was a draft, was it a draft submitted by Pacific? 2 Yes, sir. 3 Α. 0. And was it indicated as being just a draft by Pacific? 5 Α. Yes, sir. Is it subject to further change by Pacific? 7 Q. Not so much further change by Pacific. It is 8 Α. a draft of the JOA that Pacific would like to use. 9 However, I do not know if there's other participants in 10 this well. 11 Yates has advised as of this date that they 12 would like to participate. These are the changes that 13 Yates would like to make to the JOA. 14 As to another participant, there may be 15 additional changes that, again, we'd like to keep it 16 uniform to an operating agreement in the area. 17 18 When might Yates know whether or not these agreements or proposals are acceptable and they have a 19 final deal? 20 I would say shortly after the Order comes 21 22 out. We have no -- You know, the intent here is not 23 to, you know, try to keep force- -- or force-pool Yates. It's basically to have an agreement as to 24 payment of drilling costs and things like that, which I 25

think is normal in the industry.

Once we have an idea as to who the other participants are going to be and we've got a JOA that is more or less mutually acceptable to the majority of the parties, then I'd say we would dismiss them from the force-pooling.

- Q. At that time you would dismiss them?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You're unwilling to do that now, based on the agreement that you have?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. The agreement that you have does cover how costs are going to be paid and things of that nature; isn't that right?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And if you get a force-pooling order and Yates would go nonconsent, they would just have to pay the AFE costs and then presumably be under the -- avoid the penalty in the pooling order; isn't that right?
- A. If they signed a JOA and we both accepted, yes.
- Q. Even if they get a pooling order, and you're given just the option -- or they're given just the option to pay their share of costs, they wouldn't have any penalty imposed on them, would they?

1 They'd have a penalty under the joint Α. 2 operating agreement. But not if there's no joint operating 3 Q. agreement, just a pooling order; isn't that right? 4 5 Α. I think I'm losing my -- losing track a little bit. In other words, you're --6 7 Are you familiar with how a pooling order works? 8 Yes, sir. 9 Α. And if Yates' interest is pooled and a risk 10 penalty is imposed, then they would be subject to their 11 12 share of the cost, plus a risk penalty based on those? A. 13 Correct. 14 And customarily they're given an option 15 within a period of time after the order is entered to 16 pay their share? 17 Α. Correct. 18 And if they're asked to pay their share, will 19 this be the AFE that's going to be used by your company 20 as a basis for that? 21 Yes, sir. Α. 22 And if they paid that share, then they would be in the well, would they not? 23 24 Yes, sir. Α. 25 And there would be no penalty or no operating Q.

1	in that situation?
2	A. Correct, he'd be under the force-pooling
3	order.
4	Q. And basically you'd be right where you are
5	now with a party paying its share but no contract
6	governing the relationship?
7	A. You would we would have a I guess it
8	would be set up, the administrative and producing are
9	your overhead rates, you'd also have to set up the
10	prepayment. You would have that set up. But that's
11	correct, that would be all we'd have.
12	Q. And you object to any dismissal of yates at
13	this time?
14	A. Yes, sir.
15	MR. CARR: That's all I have.
16	MR. PEARCE: If I may?
17	EXAMINER CATANACH: Yes, sir.
18	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
19	BY MR. PEARCE:
20	Q. One more question, just if I may. When does
21	Pacific plan to spud the well? Do you know?
22	A. I would say we're right now subject to a
23	farmout agreement, probably sometime around on or
24	before August 31.
25	Q. So the proposal from Yates that has an August

1	31st date in it, that date is not a problem as of this
2	time?
3	A. I don't think it's a problem at this time,
4	no, sir.
5	Q. Thank you.
6	Mr. Gant, can you give me some indication of
7	timing? If Yates were dismissed from this force-
8	pooling case and subsequently was unable to reach
9	agreement on a joint on joint-operating-agreement
10	terms would that necessarily delay the drilling of
11	this well on the August 31st date?
12	A. Yes, it could.
13	MR. PEARCE: Nothing further at this time,
14	Mr. Examiner.
15	EXAMINATION
16	BY EXAMINER CATANACH:
17	Q. Okay. Mr. Gant, besides Aside from Yates,
18	who are the parties that haven't signed up for the well
19	yet?
20	A. Have not signed up?
21	Q. Right.
22	A. DeKalb Energy Corporation, Marathon Oil
23	Company, the Moore Trust, Arco Oil and Gas Company, and
24	I believe that's it. And, excuse me, Conoco, Inc.
25	O. So those in fact, are the parties that

1	you're here force-pooling today?
2	A. Primarily, yes, sir.
3	Q. Has Pacific Enterprises drilled similar
4	Morrow wells in this area?
5	A. Yes, sir.
6	Q. You have recently?
7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. And are these well costs in line with those
9	wells that you've previously drilled?
10	A. Yes, sir.
11	Q. Let me just clarify the problem with the
12	advertisement. Pacific also sought to pool the
13	interests in the Wolf Camp Formation?
14	A. Yes, sir.
15	Q. So it would just be Wolf Camp and
16	Pennsylvanian? Or
17	A. The intent, I guess, for the force-pooling is
18	to force-pool all formations from below the base of the
19	ABO through the base of the Morrow Formation.
20	EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, I have no further
21	questions of the witness.
22	MR. PEARCE: Thank you, sir.
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1	RICK RICKETTS,
2	the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
3	upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:
4	DIRECT EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. PEARCE:
6	Q. For the record, would you please state your
7	name and your employer?
8	A. My name is Rick Ricketts. I'm employed by
9	Pacific Enterprises.
10	Q. In what capacity are you employed, sir?
11	A. Petroleum geologist.
12	Q. And, Mr. Ricketts, have you previously
13	appeared before the Division and its examiners and had
14	your qualifications as a petroleum geologist accepted
15	and made a matter of record?
16	A. Yes, I have.
17	Q. And are you familiar with the Application of
18	Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) filed today as
19	Case Number 9977?
20	A. Yes.
21	MR. PEARCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender this
22	witness as an expert in the field of petroleum geology.
23	EXAMINER CATANACH: He is so qualified.
24	Q. (By Mr. Pearce) Mr. Ricketts, if you would,
25	please, turn to what we have marked as Pacific

1 Enterprises Exhibit Number 5 to this proceeding. 2 you describe this exhibit and the information reflected on it? 3 Yes, it's a structure map contoured on the 4 base of the Lower Morrow shale, contour interval of 50 5 6 feet. 7 I notice the proposed location highlighted with a red well circle outlined in yellow? 8 9 Α. Right. There are a number of other well spots 10 11 reflected on this data. Some of them appear to be colored? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Would you describe that for us? 14 Ο. 15 Yes, the ones that are producing out of the Α. Morrow Formation are colored a light blue color. 16 17 And I also might add that the current 18 production on the surrounding wells around our proposed drill site are also indicated on the map. 19 20 All right, sir. Let's keep that open in Q. 21 front of you, but please also open Exhibit Number 6 at 22 this time. 23 A. Okay. And what is Exhibit Number 6? 24 Q. 25 Α. Exhibit Number 6 is an isopach map of the

Lower Morrow channel or what we call the Lower Morrow 1 2 channel. It's essentially the basal channel or the 3 lowermost channel in the Morrow shale, or the Morrow section in that area. It's a 10-foot contour interval. 5 On this map the colored well symbols are the 6 7 ones that produce only from the Lower Morrow channel. The Lower Morrow channel is basically our main 8 9 objective on this well. All right, sir. Looking at Exhibit Number 6, 10 there are a number of wells that appear to be outside 11 the isopached area. Can you describe the production 12 history or results of drilling those wells that 13 penetrated the Morrow? 14 15 Α. The wells that did not produce out of the 16 Lower Morrow channel -- in this particular area, all of 17 them were fairly poor wells. Either dry holes, or at least marginal producers. 18 19 Q. Okay. I notice there is a well in Section 20 29, highlighted in blue. There appear to be a number 21 of wells surrounding that well. 22 Yes, this is the old Stanland, which is now Amoco State "B" Gas Com. Number 1. 23 The well was drilled in the Fifties. 24 25 produced a little over 30 BCF of gas to date.

Essentially, it's the well we're keying off of. It produces out of a large, thick point bar on the Lower Morrow channel, and we think we're going to have a -- hopefully, we'll have an equivalent accumulation of the Lower Morrow channel in our proposed location.

The thing you need to note about this, this well drilled, like I said, in the Fifties, and in about a mile-and-a-half radius around there, there have been ten additional wells drilled for -- essentially seeking the Lower Morrow channel. They have all been dry holes except for two, and those two are, you know, minor. Minor producers.

- Q. All right, sir. Would you just describe those wells and how they're reflected on the exhibit for us?
 - A. Okay.

- Q. Both of the two that are small producers and the other --
- A. Okay. I stand corrected, there's only one that's actually producing out of the Lower Morrow channel.

As you'll note, the wells that do not produce out of the Lower Morrow channel, they're either outside of the channel itself, either the channel is absent or else very thin. You have a number of wells, the wells

in Section 30, the east half of Section 30, and there is also a well in the northwest quarter of Section 32 that did penetrate a Lower Morrow channel thickness of 15 to 25 feet, but it happened to be tight in those particular wells and nonproductive.

In the southwest quarter of Section 20 there is a well that produced 87 million cubic feet of gas out of the Lower Morrow channel. That was a 17-foot zone there. It too was tight, as reflected by the poor production.

Basically, what we're saying is that you can hit a real home run here, but your chances aren't that good, and I think this exhibits that pretty well.

- Q. All right. It appears on Exhibit 6 that there is a line of cross-section. I'd ask you to refer to that and open to what we've marked as Exhibit Number 7 to the proceeding, please.
- A. Yes. Going from your left to your right, from A to A prime, my cross-section goes from the Amoco State "B" Gas Com. Number 1.

As you can see, it's got in excess of 70 feet of this Lower Morrow channel that is productive. It goes to the southeast, to the Atlantic Richfield Empire Abo Unit "G" Number 1, and you can see the channel is essentially absent there. One little two-foot stringer

is present in that well.

And as you go further to the east, the Costa Resources Two Fork State Number 1, again, has several thin stringers from the Lower Morrow channel and is -- That's a pretty good well. It's produced 4 BCF.

Again, what -- The problem you have looking for this particular zone in this area is that it can come and go very quickly, and I think that's reflected as you look from the Amoco well to the Atlantic Richfield well. It's not much more than a mile away, and you go from about 75 foot of pay down to a two-foot stringer.

- Q. Mr. Ricketts, after your geological review of this area, would you characterize the drilling of a Morrow test well at the proposed location to be a high-risk venture?
- A. I think it's fairly high-risk. I do think it's got, you know, high potential along with it, but it is high-risk.
- Q. Do you believe that the maximum statutory risk penalty of 200 percent is the appropriate risk penalty for application in this matter to non-participating parties?
- A. Yes, I do, based on the -- what happened around -- the wells around the Amoco "B" State, I

1	believe that's justified.
2	Q. Mr. Ricketts, were Exhibits 5, 6 and 7
3	prepared by you or under your direction and
4	supervision?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Do you have any further information from
7	these exhibits you'd like to highlight for the
8	Examiner?
9	A. Not at this time.
10	MR. PEARCE: Mr. Examiner, I have nothing
11	further of the witness at this time.
12	I would move the admission of Pacific
13	Enterprises Exhibits 5, 6 and 7.
14	EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 5, 6 and 7 will
15	be admitted as evidence.
16	MR. CARR: No questions.
17	EXAMINER CATANACH: No questions, Mr. Carr?
18	EXAMINATION
19	BY EXAMINER CATANACH:
20	Q. Mr. Ricketts, the information you've got, is
21	that just based on well control or do you have other
22	information that you utilized?
23	A. No, it's strictly subsurface well control.
24	There's no seismic or anything of that nature involved.
25	Q. And there's never been a well drilled in

1	Section 34; is that correct?
2	A. Not to the Morrow Formation.
3	EXAMINER CATANACH: I believe that's all the
4	questions I have of the witness. You may be excused.
5	MR. PEARCE: One further matter, Mr.
6	Examiner.
7	My office did not file this Application. The
8	Application itself states that notice was provided to
9	the parties described in Exhibit A to that Application.
10	I have in my file a letter which says that certified
11	return receipt copies were sent to the parties.
12	I will, if you would like for your record,
13	have an affidavit prepared for signature saying that
14	those notices were sent, and we'll see what certified
15	receipts we have received back. But I do not have
16	those for you today.
17	EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, if you'll submit
18	those whenever you get those
19	MR. PEARCE: All right.
20	EXAMINER CATANACH: Mr. Pearce, that would
21	be fine. And
22	MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, I have
23	also a motion I'd like to make.
24	EXAMINER CATANACH: Please do.
25	MR. CARR: Yates Petroleum Corporation has

1 executed an AFE for the drilling of the proposed well and has signed an operating agreement. Exhibit 1 2 offered by Pacific Enterprises indicates that Yates 3 Petroleum Corporation has elected to participate in the well. 5 Because of this and because we believe we've 6 7 done all that we can to indicate our willingness to 8 participate and to commit ourselves to the well, we 9 would request that we be dismissed from the compulsory-10 pooling Application. 11 MR. PEARCE: If I may, Mr. Examiner? 12 EXAMINER CATANACH: Yes, sir. 13 MR. PEARCE: Yates has in fact signed the AFE and returned it, indicating that they expect to 14 15 participate in this well. They have signed an incomplete JOA and have attached some conditions to 16 17 that. 18 The Applicant in this case is in the process of reviewing those conditions to see if it and other 19 20 participants can agree to the conditions set forth in that acceptance. 21 If those conditions are not acceptable, the 22 parties do not have an agreement. 23 24 In the absence of agreement, force-pooling is

the remedy which is available. Ultimately, if the

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parties proceed to negotiate and enter into a joint operating agreement, this pooling order would have no effect on the Yates interest.

In the absence of a force-pooling order, if the parties do not reach agreement on that joint operating agreement, the drilling of this well will be delayed, as the witness has testified.

In such instance, we believe it is appropriate to have the pooling order effective to the Yates interest in the event that agreement is not reached, and Pacific Enterprises is taking all steps it can to see that the agreement is implicated.

But to dismiss Yates out, we run the risk of having to come back several months from now and redo this, when in fact Yates has obviously received notice of this proceeding, and has participated, and the matter is ready, we believe, for entry of the pooling order.

MR. CARR: Our position is very simple.

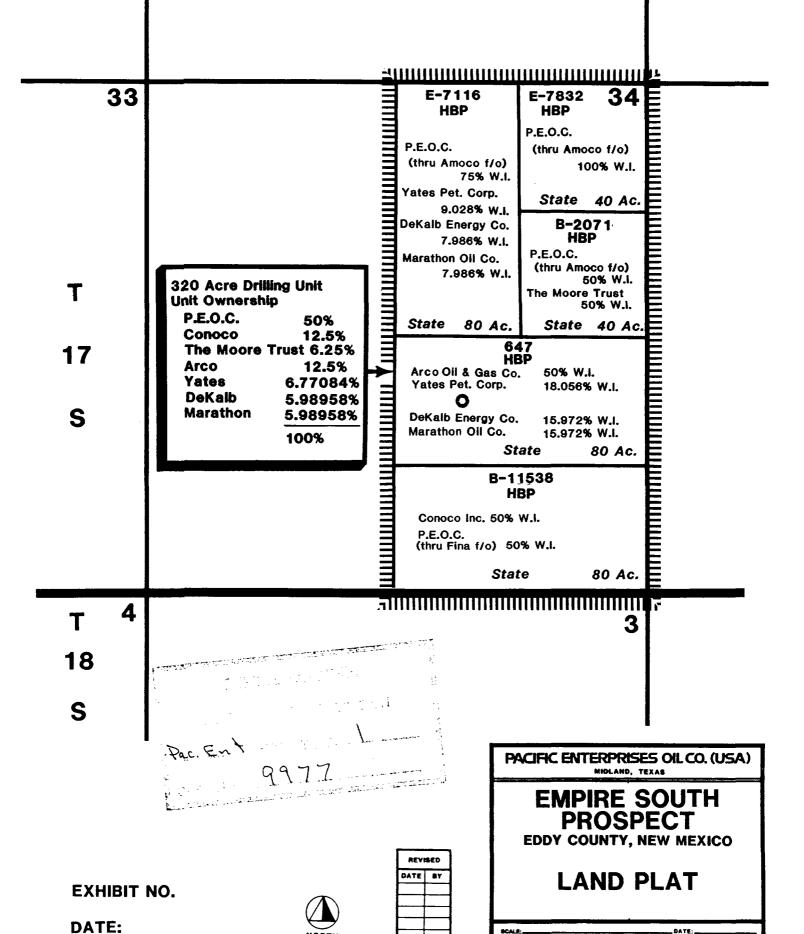
We've done everything we think we prudently can to indicate our willingness and to commit ourselves to the well.

We find out that the operating agreement
we've signed now is just a draft. It's been back with
them for two weeks. We think that we shouldn't be

1	subject to pooling when we are willing and ready to
2	participate and go forward with this well.
3	EXAMINER CATANACH: Mr. Pearce, is your
4	client still actively trying to reach an agreement, as
5	far as the JOA, with Yates at this time?
6	MR. GANT: Yes.
7	EXAMINER CATANACH: And it's your client's
8	opinion that they do not in fact have an agreement
9	until the JOA is executed?
10	MR. PEARCE: That's correct.
11	EXAMINER CATANACH: Then I'll have to decline
12	your motion, Mr. Carr, and go ahead with the force-
13	pooling at this
14	MR. CARR: Our concern is, it's just hard to
15	know when we've signed a JOA that's fine. When we sign
16	one and find later it's a draft
17	EXAMINER CATANACH: Well, I would advise your
18	client, Mr. Pearce, to try and work on the agreement in
19	the interim period, even before the Order is issued in
20	this case, try and get that resolved.
21	MR. PEARCE: We will attempt to do that, Mr.
22	Examiner.
23	EXAMINER CATANACH: And this case will be
24	continued, probably for four weeks?
25	MR. PEARCE: Yes, I think that's the next

1	advertisement we can get, Mr. Examiner.
2	EXAMINER CATANACH: And we'll leave the
3	record open till then.
4	Mr. Pearce, I would also ask you to get with
5	Mr. Stogner, if you would, and try and correct the
6	do the advertisement correctly.
7	MR. PEARCE: I will do that. Thank you, Mr.
8	Examiner.
9	EXAMINER CATANACH: And I guess we'll break
10	for lunch at this point, till one o'clock.
11	(Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded
12	at 12:10 p.m.)
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7	Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the
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9	Conservation Division was reported by me; that I
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12	I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or
13	employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in
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SCALE:

CASE NUMBER 9977 E/2 OF SECTION 34, T-17-S, R-28-E, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LIMITED TO DEPTHS BELOW THE BASE OF THE ABO FORMATION

ELECTION OF OWNERS

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	WI-LEASE	<u>WI-UNIT</u>	OWNER ELECTION
TRACT 1 - W/2NE/4, CONTAINING 80 State of New Mexico Lease E-7116	ACRES, MORE OR LE	<u>ss</u>	
PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL COMPANY (USA) (Through Amoco Production Company Farmout) Post Office Box 3083 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Terry Gant	75.00000%	18.75000%	Applicant
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Bullock	9.02778%	2.25695%	Participate
DEKALB ENERGY CORPORATION 1625 Broadway Denver, Colorado 80202-4731 ATTN: Mr. Keith C. Ranum	7.98611%	1.99652%	No Election
MARATHON OIL COMPANY Post Office Box 552 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Curtis Smith	7.98611%	1.99653%	No Election

TRACT 2 - NE/4NE/4, CONTAINING 40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS State of New Mexico Lease E-7832

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES 100.0000% 12.50000% Applicant OIL COMPANY (USA)
(Through Amoco Production Company Farmout)

Post Office Box 3083 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Terry Gant

SUBTOTAL

100.00000% 25.00000%

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	WI-LEASE	WI-UNIT	OWNER ELECTION
TRACT 3 - SE/4NE/4, CONTAINING State of New Mexico Lease B-207		OR LESS	
PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL COMPANY (USA) (Through Amoco Production Company Farmout) Post Office Box 3083 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Terry Gant	50.0000%	6.25000%	Applicant
THE MOORE TRUST 310 West Wall Suite 404 Midland, Texas 79701 ATTN: Mr. Ms. Cynthia L. Benne		6.25000%	No Election
SUBTOTAL	100.00000%	25.00000%	
TRACT 4 - N/2SE/4, CONTAINING 8 State of New Mexico Lease 647	30 ACRES, MORE O	R LESS	
ARCO OIL & GAS COMPANY Post Office Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Tim Derigo	50.00000%	12.50000%	No Election
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Bullock	18.05556%	4.51389%	Participate
DEKALB ENERGY CORPORATION 1625 Broadway Denver, Colorado 80202-4731 ATTN: Mr. Keith C. Ranum	15.97222%	3.99306%	No Election
MARATHON OIL COMPANY Post Office Box 552 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Curtis Smith	15.97222%	3.99305%	No Election

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OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	WI-LEASE	<u>WI-UNIT</u>	OWNER ELECTION
TRACT 5 - S/2SE/4, CONTAINING 80 State of New Mexico Lease B-1153	· · -	<u>ss</u>	
FINA OIL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY Post Office Box 2990 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Kevin Pfister	50.00000%	12.50000%	Farmout
CONOCO INC. Post Office Box 1959 Midland, Texas 79702 ATTN: Mr. Warren D. Richardson	50.00000%	12.50000%	No Election
SUBTOTAL	100.00000%	25.00000%	

TOTAL 100.00000%

OWNERSHIP RECAP	WI-UNIT	OWNER ELECTION
Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA)	37.50000%	Applicant
Fina Oil and Chemical Company	12.50000%	Farmout
Arco Oil & Gas Company	12.50000%	No Election
Conoco Inc.	12.50000%	No Election
Yates Petroleum Corporation	6.77084%	Participate
The Moore Trust	6.25000%	No Election
Dekalb Energy Corporation	5.98958%	No Election
Marathon Oil Company	5.98958%	No Election
TOTAL	100.00000%	

May 7, 1990

To: See Attached List

SOUTHWEST REGION

P.O. Box 3083 Midland **BX7970E3085**XAMINER (915) 684-3861

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(915) 684-6426 (Fax) ATION DIVISION

Parset DOMEST NO. 2

RE: Empire South Prospect #62

Eddy County, New Mexico

E/2 Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E

34 State Com #1 Well

Gentlemen:

Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) desires to drill a 10,800' Morrow test well 1980' FSL and 1980' FEL of Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, with estimated drilling and completion well costs being \$395,350.00 and \$266,700.00 respectively (see attached AFE), with said test well's drilling unit (from below the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation) being a Communitized Unit covering the E/2 of said Section 34 (see attached plat).

According to our information, you are the owner of a leasehold interest under the E/2 of said Section 34.

Therefore, we respectfully request your advisement as to your election to either (1) participate in this proposed operation through the formation of a Working Interest Unit covering the E/2 of said Section 34, limited to rights below the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation, or 100' below said test well's TD, whichever is the lesser, subject to a mutually acceptable Joint Operating Agreement, or (2) farmout your interest under the E/2 of said Section 34 to Pacific on the following terms:

- 1. Term 90 days (actual drilling).
- 2. Required depth and location 10,800' or to a depth sufficient to penetrate and test the Morrow Formation, whichever is the lesser, at the legal location stated above.
- 3. Produce to earn 100% of Farmor's rights in and to said test well's drilling unit, limited to rights from below the base of the Abo formation to 100' below total depth drilled, at a 80% net revenue interest, proportionately reduced.
- 4. <u>Conversion option</u> At payout of said test well, Farmor shall have the option to convert its overriding royalty interest to a 25% working interest, proportionately reduced.

- 5. <u>Unit Basis</u> Farmor agrees to allow Farmee the right to pool and unitize its interest into a 320 acre drilling unit consisting of the E/2 of said Section 34, with Farmor's overriding royalty interest and conversion working interest being proportionately reduced to such unit.
- 6. Additional Development If said test well does not earn all of Farmor's rights in the E/2 of said Section 34, then Farmee shall have the option to drill additional wells pursuant to a 180 day continuous drilling program, earning in the same manner and fashion as said test well, with the required depth for such additional wells being the same as said test well or to the deepest productive horizon encountered in any preceding well, whichever is lesser.

In as much as Pacific desires to commence the drilling of the above mentioned test well on or before July 31, 1990, we respectfully request that you advise Pacific in writing of your respective election as soon as possible. If you should desire to participate, please execute and return the enclosed AFE, and after receiving same, Pacific will forward to you our proposed JOA. In the absence of voluntary agreement by all parties, Pacific shall submit an application for a compulsory force pooling hearing.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL COMPANY (USA)

Terry Cant Landman

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Enclosure

bcc: Ralph Moore Rick Ricketts

34 State Com #1 Well E/2 Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E Eddy County, N.M.

The Moore Trust
310 W. Wall, Suite 404
Midland, TX 79701
Attn: Ms. Cynthia L. Bennett

Conoco Inc. P. O. Box 460 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 Attn: Mr. Mike Boney

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AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

SOUTHWEST REGION 200 N. Loraine, #400 P.O. Box 3083 Midland TX 79702-3083 (915) 684-3861 (915) 684-6426 (Fax)

DIVISION: Permian Basin Exploration Team DATE: 5-4-90

DEPARTMENT: Exploration and Development Midland, Texas

PROSPECT: Empire South Prospect #6254 WELL NAME: 34 State Com #1

LOCATION: 1980' FSL and 1980' FEL of Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E

Eddy County, New Mexico

Drill and Test Cost
Completion

\$395,350.00 _266,700.00

TOTAL \$622,050.00

JUSTIFICATION:

Proposed 10,800' well to test the Morrow Formation. See attached detailed Drilling and Completion Cost Estimate.

PARTICIPANTS WORKING INTEREST COST GROSS AFE AMOUNT \$662,050.00 \$248,268.75 APPROVED ___ DISAPPROVED ____ PEOC .3750000 THE MOORE TRUST .0625000 41,378.13 CONOCO INC. .1250000 82,756.25 FINA OIL & CHEMICAL CO. .1250000 82,756.25 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ARCO OIL & GAS CO. .1250000 82,756.25 YATES PETROLEUM CORP. .0677084 44,826.35 DEKALB ENERGY CO. .0598958 39,654.01 COMPANY MARATHON OIL CO. 39,654.01 <u>.0598958</u> 1.0000000 \$662,050.00 DATE

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL CO. (USA) DRILLING & COMPLETION DETAILED COST ESTIMATE

Prospect: PEOC 34 State Comm #1 Field Empire South Horrow

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County Eddy State MM Proposed Depth 10,800'

Objective Formation Morrow AF	FE No		Terr	-а Н.І	
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Building Road, bridges, canals	3	4,000	84	0	4,000
Building Location & Pits	4	10,000	85	3,500	13,500
Insurance (for Terra only)	5	3,300	86	0	3,300
Hove in - Rig up - Rig down - Hove out	6	0	87	0	0
Rat Hole	7	0	XXX	0	0
Footage Contract 10,800' 3 \$16.25/ft	8	175,500	100X	0	175,500
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Rental Equipment	13	10,000	103	3,500	13,500
Fishing Tools & Service	14	0	104	0	0
Company Labor	15	O	107	2,400	2,400
Auto & Travel	16	100	108	0	100
Contract Labor	17	15,900	113	3,100	19,000
Trucking, Hauling, Service Equipment	18	2,500	114	3,500	6,000
Power & Fuel	19	0	115	0	0
Hater	20	8,500	116	1,500	10,000
Mud & Chemicals	21	16,000	117	2,000	18,000
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Squeeze Jobs	33	0	155	0	0
Perf or Shooting	34	0	156	3,500	3,500
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Swabbing	36	0	158	0	0
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Cleaning Location	39	2,500	166	1,500	4,000
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Environmental & Safety Equipment	42	0	178	0	c
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Rods	3000	0	59	0	0
Subsurface Pump	10 00	0	60	0	0
Tanks	30 00	0	61	15,000	15,000
Circulating Pump	300 0	0	63	0	0
Dehydrator	300 0	0	64	0	0
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Buildings	30 00	0	71	0	0
Packer	10 00	0	72	8,000	8,000
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OIL COMIDIAN TX 79702-3083

(915) 684-3861 NO.

P.O. 19157884 6426 (Fax)

CASE NO.

RE: Empire South Prospect #6254

Eddy County, New Mexico

E/2 Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E

34 State Com #1 Well

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our May 7, 1990 letter regarding the captioned well proposal and to recent telephone conversations regarding same.

As discussed, Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) has acquired a Farm-in of Amoco Production Company's leasehold rights in the E/2 of said Section 34, which required the spudding of said test well on or before July 31, 1990. Pacific therefore was ready to apply for a June 13, 1990 Compulsory Force Pooling Hearing. However, Pacific has recently received verbal approval from Amoco to extend the Farmin's spud date to August 31, 1990.

We therefore respectfully request your advisement as to your election to either (1) participate in this proposed operation as outlined under our May 7, 1990 letter, or (2) farmout your interest under the E/2 of said Section 34 to Pacific on the following terms:

- 1. Term 90 days (actual drilling).
- Required depth and location 10,800' or to a depth sufficient to penetrate and test the Morrow Formation, whichever is the lesser, at the legal location stated above.
- 3. <u>Produce to earn</u> 100% of Farmor's rights in and to said test well's drilling unit, limited to rights from below the base of the Abo formation to 100' below total depth drilled, at a 75% net revenue interest, proportionately reduced.
- 4. <u>Conversion option</u> At payout of said test well, Farmor shall have the option to convert its overriding royalty interest to a 30% working interest, proportionately reduced.

- 5. <u>Unit Basis</u> Farmor agrees to allow Farmee the right to pool and unitize its interest into a 320 acre drilling unit consisting of the E/2 of said Section 34, with Farmor's overriding royalty interest and conversion working interest being proportionately reduced to such unit.
- 6. Additional Development If said test well does not earn all of Farmor's rights in the E/2 of said Section 34, then Farmee shall have the option to drill additional wells pursuant to a 180 day continuous drilling program, earning in the same manner and fashion as said test well, with the required depth for such additional wells being the same as said test well or to the deepest productive horizon encountered in any preceding well, whichever is lesser.

Due to Pacific's drilling deadline, we respectfully request that you advise Pacific in writing of your respective election as soon as possible. If you should desire to participate, please execute and return the Authority For Expenditure attached to the May 7, 1990 letter and review the attached proposed Joint Operating Agreement. Please advise if the Joint Operating Agreement meets with your approval.

In the absence of a voluntary agreement by all parties, please be advised that Pacific shall submit an application for a June 27, 1990 Compulsory Force Pooling Hearing.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL COMPANY (USA)

Terry Gant Landman

TG/dsr

Enclosure

34 State Com #1 Well E/2 Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E Eddy County, N.M.

The Moore Trust
310 W. Wall, Suite 404
Midland, TX 79701
Attn: Ms. Cynthia L. Bennett

Conoco Inc.
P. O. Box 460
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240
Attn: Mr. Mike Boney

Fina Oil and Chemical Co. P. O. Box 2990 Midland, TX 79702 Attn: Mr. Kevin Pfister

ARCO Oil & Gas Company P. O. Box 1610 Midland, TX 79702 Attn: Mr. Tim Derigo

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Attn: Mr. Robert H. Bullock

DeKalb Energy Company 1625 Broadway Denver, CO 80202-4731 Attn: Mr. Keith C. Ranum

Marathon Oil Co. P. O. Box 552 Midland, TX 79702 Attn: Mr. Curtis Smith

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Ralph Moore

FROM:

DATE:

Randy A. Bates

06-25-90

SUBJECT:

AFE's - Forced Pooling Hearing PEOC "34" State Comm. No. 1 Empire, South (Morrow) Field Eddy County, New Mexico

The following comments are provided to support the drilling AFE's during the forced pooling hearings on the PEOC "34" State Comm. No. 1 well in the Empire, South (Morrow) Field of Eddy County, New Mexico.

PEOC "34" State Comm. No. 1

The cost estimate is based on actual costs provided through conversations with numerous drilling contractors, mud companies and service companies. Drilling operations in this area are relatively trouble free. No services have been contracted out as of yet, however none of the costs estimates are expected to change significantly.

BEFORE EXAMINER

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ENT EXHIBIT NO.

CASE NO. 9977

ORIGINAL

AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

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DIVISION: Permian Basin Exploration Team

DATE: 5-4-90

DEPARTMENT: Exploration and Development

Midland, Texas

PROSPECT: Empire South Prospect #6254 WELL NAME: 34 State Com #1

LOCATION: 1980' FSL and 1980' FEL of Section 34, T-17-S, R-28-E

Eddy County, New Mexico

Drill and Test Cost Completion

\$395,350.00

TOTAL

\$622,050.00

JUSTIFICATION:

Proposed 10,800' well to test the Morrow Formation. See attached detailed Drilling and Completion Cost Estimate.

COST GROSS AFE AMOUNT \$662,050.00 PARTICIPANTS WORKING INTEREST APPROVED ___ DISAPPROVED .3750000 \$248,268.75 PEOC THE MOORE TRUST .0625000 41,378.13 CONOCO INC. .1250000 82,756.25 FINA OIL & CHEMICAL CO. .1250000 82,756.25 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ARCO OIL & GAS CO. .1250000 82,756.25 YATES PETROLEUM CORP. .0677084 44,826.35 DEKALB ENERGY CO. .0598958 COMPANY 39,654.01 MARATHON OIL CO. 39,654.01 .0598958 1.0000000 \$662,050.00 DATE

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL CO. (USA) DRILLING & COMPLETION DETAILED COST ESTIMATE

Prospect: PEOC 34 State Comm #1 Field Empire South Horrow

Hell Location 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL Legal Description Sec 34, T175, R28E

County Eddy State MM Proposed Depth 10,800'

Objective Formation <u>Morrow</u> AFE t			Terra H.I		
CATEGORY	NO.	ORILL & TEST	NO.	COMPLETION	TOTAL
Survey - Stake Location	1	1,000	жж	0 .	1,000
Permits & Hearings	2	100	83	0	100
Building Road, bridges, canals	3	4,000	84	0	4,000
Building Location & Pits	4	10,000	85	3,500	13,500
Insurance (for Terra only)	5	3,300	86	0	3,300
Hove in - Rig up - Rig down - Nove out	6	0	87	0	0
Rat Hole	7	0	1000	0	0
Footage Contract 10,800' 2 \$16.25/ft	8	175,500	2000	0	175,500
Day work contract 5/3 days 9 \$3,900/day	9	17,600	88	9,800	27,400
Turnkey Agreement	10	0	90	0	0
Rig for Completion \$1400/day x 8 days	300 0	0	101	11,200	11,200
Drill Bits	12	0	102	500	500
Rental Equipment	13	10,000	103	3,500	13,500
Fishing Tools & Service	14	0	104	0	0
Company Labor .	15	0	107	2,400	2,400
Auto & Travel	16	100	108	0	100
Contract Labor	17	15,900	113	3,100	19,000
Trucking, Hauling, Service Equipment	18	2,500	114	3,500	6,000
Power & Fuel	19	0	115	0	0
Hater	20	8,500	116	1,500	10,000
Hud & Chemicals	21	16,000	117	2,000	18,000
Drill Pipe, Casing, Rod Inspection	22	2,000	125	3,500	5,500
Formation Testing (incl 2 DST)	23	8,000	XXX	0	8,000
Coring ft of core 2 \$ /ft	24	0	XXX	0	0
Hud Logging	25	7,500	XXX	0	7,500
Logs	26	22,000	126	3,500	25,500
Temperature Survey			148	0	23,300
Bottom Hole Pressure Test	27	. 0			
Directional Services	28	0	149	2,500	2,500
Engineering, Geological, Geophysical	29 30	0	152 153	0 500	. 500
Cmtg, Conductor or Surf Csg (incl Float equip)	31	1,000		0	1,500
Cmtg, Interm or Prod Csg (incl Float equip)		6,000	xxx 154	15,000	÷,000
Squeeze Jobs	32	10,000			25,000
Perf or Shooting	33	0	155	0 7 F00	7 500
Frac	34	0	156	3,500	3,500
rrac Swabbing	XXX	0	157	4,000	4,000
Plugging, if dry	36	0	158	0	. 000
Damage Claims	37	6,000	159	0	÷,000
Cleaning Location	38	1,900	165	0	1.900
District Expense	39 40	2,500	166	1,500	4,000
Communications	40	9,000	172	1,200	10,200
Environmental & Safety Equipment	41	200	177	200	400
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Misc Material & Service (Contingency)	42 43	0 10,000	178 179 	0 2,600	12.600

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES OIL CO. (USA) DRILLING & COMPLETION DETAILED COST ESTIMATE

CATEGORY	NO.	DRILL & TEST	NO.	COMPLETION	
OTAL			-		
surface Casing .					
000' of 13-3/8" OD H-40 48#/ft.,					
8rd, ST&C 2 \$18.5/ft.	50	9,250	XXX	0	9,250
Intermediate Casing					
2600' of 8-5/8" 00, 32#/ft., 8rd					
ST&C 2 \$10.8/ft.	51	28,000	юж	0	28,000
roduction Casing					
0,800' 5-1/2" 00, 17#/ft, N-80 2 \$7.5/ft.	3000	0	52	81,000	81,000
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ft of" 00, <u>_</u> #/ft > <u>\$</u> /ft	ж	0	53	Ο.	0
ubing					
.0,600' of 2-3/8" OO, N-80, 4.7#/ft,					
ard, EUE a \$3.02/ft	3000	0	54	32,000	32,000
mas Tree & Tubing Head Components	55	3,500	182	12,000	15,500
umping Unit or Prime Hover	300 0	0	56	0	0
roduction Platform - Mat. & Labor	100X	. 0	58	0	0
tods	300 0	0	59	0	0
Subsurface Pump	3000	0	60	0	0
anks	30 00	0	61	15,000	15.000
irculating Pump	200 0	0	63	0	25,000
ehydrator	XXX	0	64	0	0
leater Treater or Gunbarrel (Stakpac)	300 0	0	65	10,000	10,000
Separator/FWKO	3000	0	66	0	10,000
Flowline & Connection 500' ft of 2" OD FG	~~~	Ü	00	•	•
Linepipe 3 \$2/ft	2001	0	68	1,000	1,000
leter, Meter Run & Connections	3000	0	70	5,000	•
uildings	30 00	-	70 71	-	5,000
ecker	3000	0		0	0
	3000	0	72 105	8,000	8,000
(iscellaneous Equipment (fittings, etc.)	73	4,000	185	6,700	10,700
OTAL TANGIBLES		44,750		170,700	215,450
installation of Tubing)OOX	0	54	0	(
installation of Pumping Unit & Prime Mover	XXX	0	56	0	
installation of Tanks	ж	0	61	5,000	5,000
Installation of Dehydrator		0	64	0	2,000
installation of Heater Treater or Gun Barrel	300X	. 0	65	5,000	5,000
Installaion of Separator/FMKO	XXX	0	66	0	9,000
Installation of Flowline		0	68	5,000	5,000
Installation of Miscellaneous Equipment	жж 73	0	185	2,000	
		· ·		2,000	2,000
OTAL INTANGIBLE INSTALLATION COSTS		0		17,000	17,000
		350,600		79,000	420,600
· ·		44,750		170,700	215,450
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		0		17,000	17,000
TOTAL HELL COST COMPLETED					17,000

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Date 1/4/au