

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

May 30, 1990

GARREY CARRUTHERS

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Mr. Harry T. Nutter Gallegos Law Firm 141 East Palace Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Doyle Hartman Application

Dear Mr. Nutter:

The Oil Conservation Division has received your application on behalf of Doyle Hartman for the approval of rededication of acreage, non-standard proration units and compulsory pooling, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applications of this nature are normally docketed before a hearing examiner for original hearing with the right of <u>de novo</u> before the Oil Conservation Commission. Only in extraordinary situations are cases docketed directly before the Commission. This is not such a case and your application will be docketed for examiner hearing on June 27, 1990.

With respect to your request that overriding royalty interests be compelled to bear a portion of development costs, please be prepared to thoroughly address the legal authority of the Commission to require contribution of cost to the development of a proration unit by overriding royalty interest owners. Before the Division can grant such extraordinary relief, I must be assured that there authority for such action.

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ROBERT G. STOVALL, General Counsel

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

William J. LeMay, Director

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Oil Conservation Division

State Land Office Building

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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RE: Application of Doyle Hartman for a 160-acre, or alternatively a 120acre, non-standard Eumont gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Old Santa Fe Trail

In our letter to you dated May 25, 1990, a copy of which is attached, we filed the referenced Application of Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator ("Hartman") and requested it be set for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission on June 21, 1990. By a subsequent letter dated May 30, 1990, a copy of which is also attached, Robert G. Stovall, General Counsel of the Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), informed us the referenced Application would be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on June 27, 1990.

On behalf of Hartman we respectfully request the referenced Application be withdrawn. By a copy of this letter we are informing all persons previously notified of the filing of the referenced Application of its withdrawal.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

cc: Doyle Hartman (w/o attach.) Robert G. Stovall, Esq. (w/attach.) William F. Carr, Esq. (w/attach.) Mr. Dan Nutter (w/o attach.)

*Also admitted in the District of Columbia * *Also admitted in California * * *Also admitted in Texas † Admitted only in Colorado

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William J. LeMay, Chairman Oil Conservation Commission Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department State Land Office Building Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 HECERVED

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV. SAMIA FE

RE: Application of Doyle Hartman for Approval of Rededication of Acreage, Non-Standard Proration Units and Compulsory Pooling for the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and two copies of the referenced Application. Pursuant to Rule 1207, we have notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, those parties listed on Exhibit "C" to the Application as stated therein. We respectfully request you publish notice of the enclosed Application according to Rules 1204 and 1205.

As noted in the Application, we respectfully request a hearing before the Commission on June 21, 1990. This is imperative because the uncompensated drainage affecting the subject acreage should be offset as soon as possible and the Application seeks the unique remedy of compelling certain overriding royalty interest owners to bear a portion of the development costs.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

By Harry J. Witte

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Enclosures

cc: Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator (w/enc.)

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June 22, 1990

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Mr. William J. LeMay, Director Oil Conservation Division Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department State Land Office Building Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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RE: NMOCD Case Nos. 9994 and 9949

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed is the Request for Issuance of Subpoena and a Subpoena Duces Tecum seeking certain information from Chevron U.S.A., Inc. ("Chevron") which is necessary for Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator to prepare his case in support of his Application No. 9994. We would appreciate your advising us as soon as the Subpoena Duces Tecum is executed by you or an authorized Division representative so that we may serve it on Chevron as far in advance of the Examiner hearing as possible.

We have on this date provided a copy of this letter and the enclosed to William F. Carr, attorney for Chevron.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

By Harry J. Mutter HARRY T. NUTTER

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Enclosures

CC: Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator (w/enc.) William F. Carr, Esq. (w/enc.) Mr. Dan Nutter (w/enc.)

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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION RECEIVED IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS

OF DOYLE HARTMAN, OIL OPERATOR, AND CHEVRON, U.S.A., INC. FOR NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNITS, EUMONT GAS POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO CASE NOS. 9994 AND 9949

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA

Pursuant to Rule 1211 of the Rules on Procedure and §70-2-8 N.M.S.A. 1978, Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator ("Hartman") hereby requests the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") to issue a subpoena requiring Chevron U.S.A., Inc. ("Chevron") to produce all records concerning the formation by Chevron of proration units for the Eumont Gas Pool within Sections 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. In support thereof Hartman states, as follows:

1. Hartman filed an Application with the Division on June 5, 1990, subsequently assigned Case No. 9994, which seeks approval of a 320-acre, or alternatively a 280-acre, non-standard proration unit for the Eumont Gas Pool comprising portions of Sections 5 and 8, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and the compulsory pooling of the interest of Chevron in and under the NE/4 of said Section 8. 2. Although Hartman provided ample opportunity for Chevron to voluntarily cooperate in the forming of the non-standard proration unit sought in his Application No. 9994, Chevron has yet to respond to such proposal, and Hartman has been apprised by counsel for Chevron that Chevron will appear at the Examiner hearing in opposition to his Application No. 9994.

3. Chevron filed an Application with the Division on May 8, 1990, subsequently assigned Case No. 9949, which seeks approval of a 400-acre nonstandard proration unit for the Eumont Gas Pool comprising portions of Sections 5 and 6 of the aforesaid Township and Range, which proration unit offsets the proration unit proposed by Hartman in Case No. 9994.

4. Both of the above Applications are set for hearing before a Division Examiner on Wednesday, July 27, 1990.

5. Upon information and belief, Chevron has filed a Form C-101 for permission to drill a well in Section 9 of the aforesaid Township and Range as a prelude to the formation of another proration unit for the Eumont Gas Pool, which proration unit probably will offset the proration unit proposed by Hartman in Case No. 9994.

6. Disclosure of Chevron's planned creation of the above offsetting proration unit or any other proration units offsetting the proration unit proposed by Hartman in Case No. 9994 is extremely relevant and the evidence is essential to a correct and full adjudication of Case No. 9994 and No. 9949. The information sought

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is particularly relevant in light of the fact Chevron is contesting the non-standard Eumont gas proration unit proposed by Hartman in his Case No. 9994 while Chevron, it is believed, is simultaneously seeking approval of, or planning to seek approval of, offsetting Eumont proration units which will drain the proration unit proposed by Hartman in Case No. 9994.

WHEREFORE, Hartman respectfully requests the Division Director or his duly authorized representative to immediately issue the Subpoena Duce Tecum submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM, P.C.

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June 27, 1990

PLEASE REPLY TO SANTA FE

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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NMOCD Case No. 9994 - Application of Doyle Hartman for Re: Compulsory Pooling, a Non-Standard Gas Proration Unit and Simultaneous Dedication, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed is this firm's Entry of Appearance in the above case.

Very truly yours,

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Harry T. Nutter, Esq. cc: David Catanach

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 9994

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson & Schlenker, P.A., and hereby enters its appearance in the above referenced case on behalf of Stephen C. Sims and Sim K. Sims as Trustees for the Stephen S. Chandler Irrevocable Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON & SCHLENKER, P.A.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been hand delivered to Harry T. Nutter, Esq., Gallegos Law Firm, 141 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501 the <u>77</u> day of June, 1990.

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J. Scott Hall Suite 303 125 Lincoln Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Telephone: (505) 989-9614 ATTORNEYS FOR STEPHEN C. SIMS AND SIM K. SIMS, AS TRUSTEES FOR THE STEPHEN S. CHANDLER IRREVOCABLE TRUST

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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October 29, 1990

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Mr. J. E. Gallegos Gallegos Law Firm 141 E. Palace Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: CASE NO. <u>9994</u> ORDER NO.<u>R-9332</u>

Applicant:

Doyle Hartman

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Florene Clavidson

FLORENE DAVIDSON OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD x Artesia OCD x Aztec OCD

Other William F. Carr, J. Scott Hall