BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

| APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR |)) |
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| COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, |) Case No. 10001 |
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James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 years and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am an attorney for Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., Applicant in the above-captioned matter.
- 3. A good faith, diligent effort was made to find the correct addresses of all persons interested in this matter and entitled to receive notice.
- 4. Notice has been given to all interested persons by certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5. The provisions of Division Rule 1207 have been complied with.

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Oil Conservation Division Case No. 10001, The Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the application in the above matter. This case is being re-set for hearing on August 8, 1990 at 8:15 a.m. at the offices of the Oil Conservation Division, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail (second floor), Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

By:

James Bruce

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

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. hereby makes application for an order pooling all interests from 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the $E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner and has the right to drill a well in the $E_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of said Section 20, from 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Muskegan St. Com. Well No. 1 in the E^{1}_{2} of Section 20, at an orthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of the Section, to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation (approximately 10,900 feet), and seeks to dedicate to the well the E^{1}_{2} of Section 20, from 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, for all pools or formations spaced on 320 acres.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to join all other mineral or leasehold interest owners in the $E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section 20 for the purposes set forth herein.
- 4. Although Applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral or leasehold interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their acreage. Therefore, Applicant

seeks an order pooling all mineral and leasehold interest owners underlying the $E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section 20 pursuant to N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17 (1987 Repl.).

- 5. 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.
- 6. The pooling of all interests underlying the E½ of Section 20, as described above, will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 7. Applicant requests that this matter be heard at the June 27, 1990 Examiner hearing.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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James Bruce

500 Marquette, N. W., Suite 800 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

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Attorneys for Applicant

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. 10001 ORDER NO. R-9257

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 11 and on August 8, 1990, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 20th day of August, 1990, 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, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the E/2 of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Grayburg-Akota Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool and Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool).
- (3) The applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard gas well location thereon.

- (4) There are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in any pool resulting from this order, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (6) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) Any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) \$5000.00 per month while drilling and \$500.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (13) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before October 15, 1990, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no further effect whatsoever.
- (14) Should all the parties to this force-pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order should thereafter be of no further effect.
- (15) The operator of the well and unit should notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, from a depth of 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the E/2 of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard well location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1990, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1990, Decretory Paragraph No. (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Decretory Paragraph No. (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

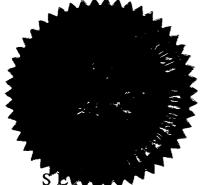
(2) Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

- (3) After the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him; and
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working

> interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

- (8) The operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) \$5000.00 per month while drilling and \$500.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (10) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) Any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (13) Should all the parties to this force-pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (14) The operator of the subject well and unit shall notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order.
- (15) Jurisdiction of this cause is 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

WILLIAM J. LEMAY

Director