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Re: CASE NO. 10036 ORDER NO. R-8170-G

Applicant:

Texaco, Inc.

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

FLORENE DAVIDSON OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

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RESPONSE OF TEXACO INC. TO HARTMAN'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION AND POSTPONEMENT

TEXACO, INC. ("Texaco"), Applicant in the above styled case, opposes the Motion of Doyle Hartman ("Hartman") for postponement of the September 19, 1990 hearing on its application and opposes consolidation of its case with the hearing on the application filed by Hartman for establishment of minimum allowables for the Jalmat Gas Pool and states:

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- 3. At Texaco's request the case was continued a second time to the currently scheduled hearing date of September 19, 1990.

- 4. On August 28, 1990, Hartman filed his Motion for Consolidation and Postponement which was denied by the Division Director on September 4, 1990.
- 5. On September 10, 1990 Hartman renewed his Motion for Consolidation and Postponement.
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Respectfully submitted,

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.

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Sincerely,

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 10036

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Consolidation and Postponement was hand delivered to William F. Carr, Campbell & Black, 110 North Guadalupe, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 this 10th day of September, 1990.

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Re: Case 10036:

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August 13, 1990

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

cc: Mr. Robert Hart Texaco, Inc.

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September 13, 1990

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SUBJECT: Eumont Field

Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen

Formation

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Yours very truly,

TEXACO PRODUCING INC.

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September 14, 1990

Application of Texaco, Inc.
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 Establish Minimum Gas
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 Gas Pool, Lea County,
 New Mexico

New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attention: Mr. William J. LeMay, Director

Dear Sirs,

Chevron U.S.A. Inc., the largest operator in the subject pool, supports Texaco's application to establish a minimum natural gas allowable of 600 mcf of gas per day (18,000 mcf of gas per month) for a standard 160-acre Eumont gas proration unit. We also support the proposed 3-year time period since this will allow operators sufficient time to increase activity levels and demonstrate actual production increases.

Increasing the minimum gas allowable will create a more stable base from which operators will be able to evaluate marginal gas properties, thereby reducing risk and improving confidence levels. Additionally, this will significantly improve the economics of work in the pool, cutting payouts approximately in half. Both these aspects could lead to substantially increased levels of activity. The increased allowable will also prevent waste by producing recoverable reserves with the optimum number of wellbores.

Chevron also believes that increasing the minimum gas allowable will greatly reduce the number of requests to re-configure or simultaneously dedicate acreage being processed by the OCD since sufficient margins would be available. This would not only lower the workload of the operators and regulatory agencies, but also increase the pace of reservoir development in the pool.

The vast majority of Eumont gas production is currently sold on the spot market and is not under contract obligation. Chevron believes, therefore, that increasing the minimum gas allowable will not impair the ability of smaller operators to continue to sell their gas and will preserve correlative rights in the pool. As indicated by Texaco's survey, Chevron and other major operators will support the establishment of markets for smaller operators should that become necessary later. Chevron makes it a practice to market working interest owners gas under terms of the Joint Operting Agreement or an agency agreement. We also market gas from third party property with proper agreements through Chevron's Gas Marketing Department.

Finally, Chevron submits that even though the same aspects apply, the Jalmat gas pool should be treated as a separate entity. Consideration of increasing the minimum allowable in this pool should follow the same sequence of events as the Eumont gas pool culminating with a request for consideration to the OCD.

In summary, Chevron believes that the operators, the OCD, and the State of New Mexico all stand to benefit from an increased minimum gas allowable in the Eumont gas pool, and we fully support Texaco's efforts relative to this application (Case 10036) before the Oil Conservation Division

Yours very truly,

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R. C. Anderson

New Mexico District Manager

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cc: Texaco, Inc.

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Attn: Mr. J. A. Head, Area Manager

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> Oil Conservation Division Case No. 10036 Re:

> > Application of Texaco Inc., for Amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as Amended, to Establish Minimum Gas Allowables in the Eumont Gas

Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stovall:

This letter is in response to our conversation of Friday, September 7, 1990 in which you advised that Northern Natural Gas Company had requested a continuance of the abovereferenced case until October 3, 1990.

Although I have not been contacted by a representative of Northern Natural concerning this matter, I have discussed an additional continuance of this case with representatives of Texaco. As you are aware, this case was originally docketed for hearing on August 8 and has already been continued twice to accommodate another interest owner in the Eumont area.

Robert G. Stovall, Esq. General Counsel Oil Conservation Division September 11, 1990 Page Two

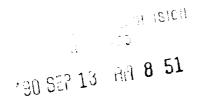
Texaco and Conoco are preparing testimony for the September 19th hearing. Notice of this hearing has been provided to over 500 interest owners by certified mail and we are planning to go forward with this case as scheduled on September 19.

Texaco opposes any additional continuances of this case.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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ALLINE FORD BROWN P.O. BOX 190645 DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

September 10, 1990

William J. Le May, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case 10036 In the Matter of the Application of Texaco, Inc. for Amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as Amended, to Establish Minimum Gas Allowables in the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Le May:

I am a royalty owner in the Eumont Gas Pool and I support Texaco's request to establish a minimum natural gas allowable of 600 Mcf of gas per day for a standard 160-acre Eumont Gas Spacing Unit.

Sincerely,
Willens D. Brown

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV. SANTA FE

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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Texaco, Inc. For Amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as Amended, to Establish Minimum Gas Allowables in the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is an application of Texaco, Inc. in the above-referenced case. Texaco, Inc. respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the August 8, 1990 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh Enclosures

cc w/enclosures: Mr. Robert Hart

GAS COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO

DAVID N KIRKLAND

DIRECTOR SUPPLY CONTROL

September 18, 1990

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application of Texaco, Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, to establish a minimum gas allowable for the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Texaco is requesting a minimum natural gas allowable for a 3 year period equal to 600 mcf/d for an acreage factor of 1.00 or 2400 mcf/d of gas for a standard Eumont 640-acre gas spacing unit.

Dear Mr. LeMay:

The Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) respectfully requests that the following be considered in the decision for establishing a minimum gas allowable for the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico:

- the assignment of a minimum allowable is a departure from setting allowables based on market demand; this reflects economic forces rather than market forces;
- the setting of a minimum allowable limits the opportunity for all producers to equally share in the market based on a well's ability to produce thereby creating a disparity between producers and between producing elements.
- the reclassification of wells in response to production activity under the current rules minimizes allowable withheld from the market by non-producing non-marginal wells.

The Gas Company of New Mexico does not have contractual obligations with Texaco in the Eumont Pool, however the impact of the proposed minimum allowable precedent applied statewide would be increased cancelled allowables for wells unable to find a market for the increased production requirement associated with high minimum

allowables. This would have adverse economic implications for natural gas consumers in New Mexico.

The existing proration rules have provided adequate allowables in the Eumont Pool. Currently there is only one well shut in for over production in the Eumont Pool. Producing these wells would result in higher allowables, assuming that there is a demand for this increased supply. If allowables are assigned based on a minimum amount and not on market demand, the assigned allowables could be higher than that required by the market. With no market for this potential supply, higher allowables as set by the minimum are artificial and do not accurately reflect the market.

GCNM recommends that the Commission not approve the proposed application for minimum allowable proposed by Texaco.

David N. Kirkland



Warren Petroleum Company

A Division of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. P.O. Box 1150, Midland, TX 79702

Manufacturing Department

September 13, 1990

Re:

Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen

Prorated Pool Unit

Lea County, New Mexico

State of New Mexico Energy Mineral & Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Attn: Mr. William LeMay

Gentlemen:

Warren is currently processing Eumont gas at the Eunice and Monument gas facilities in Lea County, New Mexico. We have additional processing capabilities at each of our above gas plants to handle increased Eumont production.

For additional information, please contact me at 915/687-7301 or you may write to me at:

Warren Petroleum Company P. O. Box 1150 Midland, TX 79702

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

WARREN PETROLEUM COMPANY

B. J. Blakemore

Gas Supply Representative

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cc: M. A. Thomas - Tulsa

K. A. Peterson - Monument

F. C. Noah - Eunice

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Gas Sales and
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Texaco USA

PO Box 4700 Houston TX 77210 4700 713 752 7760

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State of New Mexico Energy Resources Department
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SUBJECT: Eumont Field

Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen

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Yours very truly,

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D. A. DUKE

Gas Sales Manager

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ENRON

Gas Pipeline Operating Company

WESTERN REGION - HOBBS DISTRICT 2626 West Marland • Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 • (505) 397-6000

September 13, 1990

State of New Mexico Energy Mineral & Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Eumont Field

Attention: Mr. William LeMay

Enron Gas Pipeline Operating Company has the capabilities to process additional Eumont gas at our Hobbs, New Mexico plant.

We are looking forward to the additional volume. We feel that there is a market for this valued gas from this area.

For additional information, contact me at 505/397-6000.

Robert L. Anderson

District Manager - Hobbs, New Mexico

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SID RICHARDSON CARBON & GASOLINE CO.

FIRST CITY BANK TOWER

201 MAIN STREET FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102 817/390-8600

September 14, 1990

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State of New Mexico Energy Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
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Re: Eumont Field

Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen Formation

Gentlemen:

Sid Richardson Carbon & Gasoline Co. (SRC&G Co.), as a gatherer, processor, purchaser and marketer of gas, supports an increase in the allowable of gas well gas produced from the subject formation/field.

SRC&G Co. is gathering and processing Eumont Field gas at its Jal Gas Plant, located in Lea County, New Mexico. The plant has available capacity to handle any requested increase in allowable volumes from the Eumont Field and to deliver residue gas into the El Paso Natural Gas Company and Transwestern Pipeline Company pipelines. SRC&G Co. is certain that there are markets available which will purchase this incremental volume of gas.

Yours very truly,

Bruce M. Williams

Manager of Gas Contracts

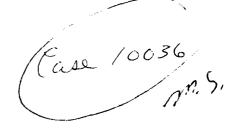
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August 6, 1990

Mr. William J. LeMay New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



RE: In the matter of the application of Texaco, Inc. for Amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as Amended, to Establish Minimum Gas Allowable in the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This letter is to inform you that ARCO Oil and Gas Company supports Texaco's application seeking amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, to establish a minimum natural gas allowable for a three year period of time in the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, of 600 MCF of gas per day (18,000 MCF of gas per month) for a standard 160-acre Eumont Gas Spacing Unit. ARCO believes that the new allowable will encourage industry activity and result in the additional recovery of Eumont reserves.

Very truly yours,

James A. Nicholson District Engineer

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO



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December 29, 1993

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

Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator c/o Gallegos Law Firm Attention: J. E. Gallegos 141 East Palace Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. c/o Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A. Attention: William F. Carr P. O. Box 2208 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Re:

Eumont and Jalmat Gas Pool Allowables, Lea County, New Mexico. Reopened Cases 10036 and 10111, Division Order Nos. R-8170-G and R-8170-J.

Dear Messrs. Gallegos and Carr:

Reference is made to both your requests to continue these Cases to February, 1994. Because the subject in both matters are closely related and since both pools share many of the same reservoir characteristics and geology and are in close proximity to each other, these cases should either be heard together or at least back-to-back.

Therefore, both Reopened Cases 10036 and 10111 are hereby continued to the Examiners Hearing scheduled for February 17, 1994.

Please take note that both orders contain time constraints and the provisions for both have already been extended past their respective due dates. It is therefore pertinent that both cases be heard at the February 17th hearing and that no further continuances will be granted.

Should there be any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me in Santa Fe at (505) 827-5811.

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Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

Florene Davidson, OCD - Santa Fe

cc:

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 10036

RESPONSE OF TEXACO INC. TO HARTMAN'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION AND POSTPONEMENT

TEXACO, INC. ("Texaco"), Applicant in the above styled case, opposes the Motion of Doyle Hartman ("Hartman") for postponement of the September 19, 1990 hearing on its application and opposes consolidation of its case with the hearing on the application filed by Hartman for establishment of minimum allowables for the Jalmat Gas Pool and states:

- 1. Texaco's application for the establishment of minimum allowables in the Eumont Gas Pool was filed with the Division on July 17, 1990 and was set for hearing before a Division Examiner on August 8, 1990.
- 2. On July 23, 1990, Hartman requested that the case be continued to a September setting and Texaco continued the case to September 5, 1990.
- 3. At Texaco's request the case was continued a second time to the currently scheduled hearing date of September 19, 1990.

- 4. On August 28, 1990, Hartman filed his Motion for Consolidation and Postponement which was denied by the Division Director on September 4, 1990.
- 5. On September 10, 1990 Hartman renewed his Motion for Consolidation and Postponement.
- 6. Texaco is prepared to present its case to the Division on September 19, has provided notice of this hearing date as required by Division Rules, and opposes any further continuances of this case.
- 7. The Eumont and Jalmat Pools are defined as separate pools by the Division and each is governed by its own special rules and regulations.
- 8. Texaco and other operators in the pool will show the Division that establishment of a minimum Eumont gas allowable of 600 mcf for a period of three years will prevent waste and protect the correlative rights of the interest owners in the pool and that additional delays in the establishment of these allowables causes waste and impairs correlative rights.
- 9. Texaco therefore requests that the Division deny Hartman's Motion for Consolidation and Postponement and permit it and others to present their case on September 19, 1990.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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January 3, 1994

Mr. William J. LeMay New Mexico Oli Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Hearing on Eumont Gas Pool Minimum Gas Allowable

January 6, 1994

Dear Mr. LeMay:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company is in support of maintaining a minimum gas allowable in the Eumont Gas Pool of 600 MCFD. ARCO completed 13 workovers or recompletions in the Eumont Gas Pool in 1993, and drilled 4 Eumont Gas Pool wells in 1993. ARCO is planning to workover 4 wells and drill 2 wells in 1994 if the minimum gas allowable is maintained at 600 MCFD. Although the current pool allowable for October 1993 through March 1994 is above 600 MCFD, the 600 MCFD minimum allowable is seen as necessary for making a prudent investment in these wells by providing a floor for future allowables. These wells are expected to produce for a number of years.

Sincerely.

David K. Newell

Senior Operations/Analytical Engineer

ARCO Oil and Gas Company