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September 13, 1990

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Maralex Resources, Inc. 518 7th Street Suite 1030

Denver, CO 80202

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Attention: A. M. O'Hare, President

RE: Compulsory Pooling Applications pursuant to General Rule 1207.1.(ii); S/2 Section 17 and N/2 equivalent Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. O'Hare:

Your applications dated August 28, 1990 were received by the NMOCD on August 30, 1990 which were too late to be placed on the docket for the September 19, 1990 Examiner Hearing. Both applications will therefore be placed on the October 3, 1990 docket.

In reviewing your request, it was determined that the proposed risk penalty factor was somewhat excessive; therefore, any orders issued will contain the following findings:

"The applicant has proposed a 200 percent risk penalty to be assessed against those interest owners subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order."

"Based on precedent established in compulsory pooling cases in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, the proposed 200 percent risk penalty is excessive in this instance and should therefore be reduced to 156 percent."

"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 156 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well." Maralex Resources, Inc. Attention: A. M. O'Hare September 13, 1990 Page 2

Unless Maralex is prepared to appear at the hearing with additional evidence to support the requested 200 percent penalty, this 156 percent factor will be finalized in any order issued in both cases.

Should Maralex have any comments regarding other matters regarding either case, please respond in writing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

MES/ag

cc: William J. LeMay - OCD Director Jim Morrow - OCD Chief Engineer Robert G. Stovall - OCD General Counsel Files: Case No. 10112 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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November 14, 1990

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Mr. A. M. O'Hare, President Maralex Resources, Inc. 518 17th St., Suite 1030 Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: CASE NO. 10113 ORDER NO. R-9357

Applicant:

Maralex Resources, Inc.

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

Florene Davidson

FLORENE DAVIDSON OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD	X
Artesia OCD	X
Aztec OCD	X

Other