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Mr. Michael Stogner Examiner Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Case No. 8341

Application of Lynx Petroleum Consultants Inc., for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Examiner Stogner:

As we discussed this morning, I am enclosing for your consideration a proposed Order in the above matter. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the drilling supervision charge of \$300.00 per day which we requested in our testimony. This rate would, of course, only apply for the actual time spent drilling and completing the well. It should take between ten (10) and twenty (20) days to drill and complete the well to the base of the Paddock Formation. After that time, of course, the monthly supervision charge would be reduced to \$350.00 per month.

As we discussed this morning, Lynx Petroleum Consultants, Inc., have a Lease expiring on November 1st and would appreciate your earliest attention to this matter.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely

Karen Aubrey

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Larry Scott

Lynx Petroleum Consultants Inc.

407 Jemez Road

Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

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NOW, on this ____ day of September, 1984, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdication of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
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- (5) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (14) That 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.
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Department of Energy and Minerals P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Joe Ramey:

Attached are three copies of an application for compulsory pooling the NE/4, SW/4, Section 25, T-16S, R-36E, Lea County, New Mexico. Please schedule this case on the first available examiner docket.

Thank you.

Gary W. Fonay Vice President

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APPLICATION

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Vice President

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The description on paragraph (2), page 1 and paragraph (1) page 3 have been corrected to reflect the right description.

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cc: Larry Scott
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