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Mr. Richard L. Stamets  
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Re: Marathon Oil Company  
Forced Pooling Application  
Benson Well #1, SE/4SE/4  
Section 14, T16S, R38E, NMPM  
Lea County, New Mexico

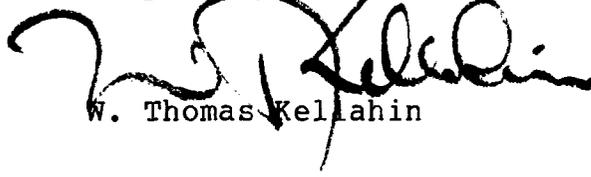
Case 8960

Dear Mr. Stamets:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, please set the enclosed application for hearing at the Examiner Hearing now scheduled for August 6, 1986.

By copy of this letter we are sending a copy of the application by certified mail return receipt to those parties to be pooled. Those parties are advised that they have the right to appear at the hearing either in support or opposition to the application.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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cc: Lawrence D. Garcia, Esq.  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

CASE: 8960

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now MARATHON OIL COMPANY, and applies to the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Siluro-Devonian Formation underlying the SE/4SE/4 of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the formation of a proration and spacing unit for the said production, and in support thereof would show the Commission.

1. Applicant is the owner of the right to drill and develop the SE/4SE/4 of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 38 East.

2. Applicant proposes to drill a well to test the Siluro-Devonian formation by drilling a well at a standard location to a total depth of 13,500 feet.

3. Applicant has sought to obtain the cooperation of all parties.

4. In order to obtain their just and equitable share of the production underlying the above lands, Applicant needs an order pooling the mineral interest involved.

5. Those who have not consented to join in the drilling of the well, with their address, to the best of the applicant's information and belief, are as follows:

	<u>Interest</u>
ARCO Oil & Gas P. O. Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702 Attn: Rita Buress	25%
Harvey E. Yates Company P. O. Box 1933 Roswell, New Mexico 88201 Attn: Mrs. Rosemary Avery	2.8125%
Mr. James Davidson P. O. Box 494 Midland, Texas 79702	38.125%
Mr. & Mrs. W. V. Lawrence P. O. Box 2309 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240	2.3437%
Mrs. June D. Speight P. O. Drawer 1689 Lovington, New Mexico 88260	2.3437%

6. The parties named in paragraph 5 above have been furnished a copy of this application.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interest described herein. Applicant further prays that it be named operator of the well, and that the order make provisions for applicant to recover out of production its costs of drilling the subject well, completing and equipping it, costs of operation, including costs of

supervision and a risk factor in the amount of 200% for the drilling of the well, for such other and further relief as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Marathon Oil Company

By 

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