

Marathon's Attempt to Obtain Voluntary Joinder with C. W. Trainer

June 17, 1987 - Marathon requested a farmout of C. W. Trainer's interest in all of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E for the drilling of a 12,500' Atoka-Morrow test at a legal location in Section 16. Marathon requested that Mr. Trainer respond by July 6, 1987.

June 26, 1987 - Called Mr. Trainer to check on the status of our Farmout request and he advised that he was aware that Marathon was drilling the State "17" Com No. 2 Well and that he would wait until he sees the results of said well before making his decision to farmout.

August 12, 1987 - Marathon sent Mr. Trainer an AFE and requested that he either contribute his leasehold interest in the W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, SE/4 SE/4 of Section 16 and participate in the drilling of a 12,500' Basal Atoka-Morrow test located 1980' FSL and 1980' FWL of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, Lea County, New Mexico, or farmout his interest to the drilling of the subject well. The proration unit for said test would be the S/2 of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E. Marathon requested that Mr. Trainer respond by September 11, 1987.

September 2, 1987 - Called Mr. Trainer and advised that Marathon was not able to come to agreement with all working interest owners and therefore it was our management's decision to proceed with force pooling proceedings with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division pooling the S/2 of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E. I advised him that the hearing would be held on the September 23, 1987 docket.

September 15, 1987 - I called Mr. Trainer but he was not in.

September 16, 1987 - I called Mr. Trainer but he was not in.

September 16, 1987 - I got in touch with Mr. Trainer to inquire of the status of our well proposal. Mr. Trainer advised that he had not paid that much attention to our September 2, 1987 letter since he did not hear from Marathon when he proposed a well in the S/2 of Section 16 approximately one (1) year ago. He advised that he was interested in operating the well and I advised that Marathon was still interested in operating the well. He advised that he would be at the September 23, 1987 hearing and that his attorney would be Mr. A. J. Losee or Mr. Ernest Carroll. He advised that Marathon did not break our neck to answer him a year ago, so why should he break his neck to answer a proposal from Marathon.

BEFORE EXAMINER CATANACH	
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
<i>Marathon</i>	EXHIBIT NO. <u>10</u>
CASE NO.	<u>9222</u>



**Marathon  
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

June 17, 1987

Mr. C. W. Trainer  
526 Sandy Mountain  
Sunrise Beach, Texas 78643

Re: Farmout Request - North Vacuum Field Area  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 16,  
T-17-S, R-35-E, N.M.P.M.,  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Trainer:

Marathon is proposing to drill a 12,500' Atoka-Morrow test at a legal location in Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Marathon respectfully requests a farmout of your interest in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, under the following terms:

1. Farmout your interest from the surface to 100' below the stratigraphic equivalent of the total depth drilled in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, delivering a 75% net revenue interest lease in the spacing unit prescribed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division before payout and retaining an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference between existing burdens and 25%. In addition you will have the option to convert said override to a proportionate 25% working interest at payout.
2. Marathon will commence drilling operations at a legal location in Section 16 within 180 days after the execution of a mutually acceptable Farmout Agreement and will develop said lands on a 180 day continuous development basis until all farmout lands are located within a standard spacing unit prescribed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Marathon appreciates your consideration concerning this matter and would appreciate your favorable response by July 6, 1987. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Daniels'.

Steve Daniels  
Landman

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SMD:mmc'

6-26-87 - Told Mr. C.W. Trainer and he advised that he would wait until he saw the results of the N. Kansas State 17 Com well no 2 before making his decision on FO.

7-7-87 - Told Mr. C.W. Trainer and he advised that he would wait until he saw the results of the N. Kansas State 17 Com well no 2 before making his decision on FO.

9-2-87 - C.W. Trainer - 915-388-3674

File Application for Force Pooling

Called C.W. Trainer and he advised him that Marathon had filed for Force Pooling Proceedings with the State OCO for the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E. Advised him that the hearing would be held on September 23, 1987.

9-15-87 - Called Mr. Trainer to check on the status of our well proposal. I will call him back tomorrow A.M. as he was not in. SML

9-16-87 - called Mr. Trainer & he was not in

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OIL CONFIDENTIALITY
Marathon EXHIBIT NO. _____
CASE NO. <u>9222</u>

Mid-Continent Region  
Exploration United States



**Marathon  
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

August 12, 1987

C. W. Trainer  
526 Sandy Mountain  
Sunrise Beach, Texas 78643

Re: Well Proposal - State "16" Com. No. 1  
S $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E,  
North Vacuum Field Area  
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached for your consideration is Marathon Oil Company's AFE No. 44555 to drill a 12,500' Basal Atoka-Morrow test located 1,980' FSL and 1,980' FWL of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Marathon anticipates spudding this well in the latter part of the third quarter 1987. If completed as a commercial producer, the proration unit would encompass the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16. A proposed operating agreement will be forwarded for your review under separate cover in the near future.

In the event you do not wish to participate in the drilling of the proposed well, Marathon respectfully requests a farmout of your interest in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, under the following terms:

1. Within 180 days of execution of a mutually agreeable farmout letter agreement, Marathon will commence drilling a 12,500' Basal Atoka-Morrow test at a legal location in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E.
2. Upon completion of a commercial producer you will assign 100% of your working interest in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, T-17-S, R-35-E, delivering a 75% net revenue leasehold, retaining an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference between 25% and existing burdens proportionately reduced.
3. At payout of the well, you will have the option to convert the retained overriding royalty interest to a 25% working interest proportionately reduced.

Marathon appreciates your consideration concerning this matter and would appreciate your favorable response by September 11, 1987. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

*Wayne L. Ransbottom*  
Wayne L. Ransbottom  
Area Land Supervisor

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WLR:mmc'  
Attachment

Marathon Oil Company  
AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE  
DETAIL OF ESTIMATED WELL COSTS

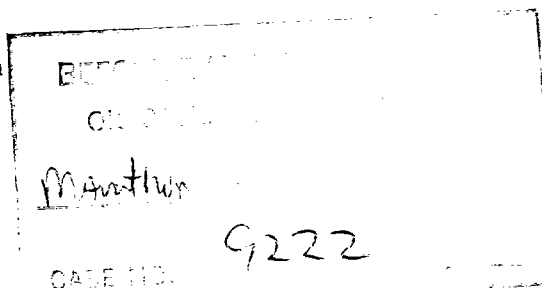
AFE NO 44555  
DATE 8/3/87

SHEET 3 OF 4 SHEETS

Lease or Facility State "16" Com No. 1  
Field or Prospect North Vacuum (Atoka)  
Location 1980' FSL, 1980' FWL, Sec. 17, T17S R35E  
Lea County, New Mexico

Wildcat ☒ Development ☐ Development Exploratory ☐ Recompletion ☐ Workover ☐  
Est. Total Depth 12,500 Est. Drilling Days 60 Est. Completion Days 6

SOURCE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	FEATURE NO.	C O N D	ESTIMATED COST
		DRILLING COSTS – TANGIBLE			
		Drive Pipe	1		
	40'	Conductor	2		1,000
	300'	Surface	3		6,000
	5000'	Intermediate Casing, Liner, or Tieback	4		45,000
		Liner Hanger and Tieback Equipment	5		
		Casinghead	6		10,000
		Miscellaneous	7		1,000
		TOTAL DRILLING COSTS – TANGIBLE			63,000
		DRILLING COSTS – INTANGIBLE			
		Location and Access	9		30,000
12,500	6 days	Daywork Drilling	10		21,000
		Footage Basis Drilling	11		230,000
	60 days	Direct Supervision	14		21,000
		Bits, Hole Openers, Stabilizers, etc.	15		
		Mud and Mud Services	16		34,000
		Rig Fuel	17		
		Water	18		15,000
		Rental Equipment and Tools	19		36,000
		Casing/Drive Pipe Tools, Services and Accessories	20		10,000
		Cement and Cementing Service	21		22,000
		Well Logging and Services	22		10,000
		Mud Logging	23		10,000
		Pipe Inspection	24		5,000
		Directional Services	25		
		Coring	26		
		Formation Testing 1 DST	27		5,000
		Diving Services	28		
		Mobilization/Demobilization	29		
		Air Transportation	30		
		Marine Transportation	31		
		Land Transportation	32		20,000
		Shore Base Services	33		
		Communications	34		
		Fishing Tools and Services	35		
		Abandoning Tools and Services	36		
		Miscellaneous Material and Services	37		26,000
		Dry Hole Contributions	38		
		Overhead	39		
		Indirect Expense	40		6,000
		TOTAL DRILLING COSTS – INTANGIBLE			501,000
		TOTAL DRILLING COSTS			\$ 564,000
		COMPLETION COSTS – TANGIBLE			
	12,500'	5 1/2" Production Casing	42		88,000
		Liners	43		
	12,400'	2 7/8" Tubing N-80 @ 2.94/ft.	44	1	36,000
		Liner Hanger and Tieback Equipment	45		
		Christmas Tree	46	1	29,000
		Subsurface Safety Shut-In Devices	47		
		Packers	48	1	3,000
		Subsurface Artificial Lift Equipment	49		
		TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS – TANGIBLE			156,000



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AFE NO. 44555  
DATE 8/3/87

SHEET 4 OF 4 SHEETS

Lease or Facility State "16" Com No. 1

SOURCE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	FEATURE NO.	C O N D	ESTIMATED COST
		COMPLETION COSTS -- INTANGIBLE			
		Location and Access	51		
	6 days	Completion Rig	52		7,000
		Contract Service Units	53		4,000
		Direct Supervision	54		3,500
		Company Labor	55		
		Contract Labor	56		2,500
		Rig Fuel	57		
		Completion and Packer Fluids	58		5,000
		Rental Equipment and Tools	59		3,000
		Casing Tools, Services and Accessories	60		6,000
		Cement and Cementing Service	61		15,000
		Logging Services	62		3,000
		Perforating	63		2,000
		Wireline Services	64		
		Formation Treating	65		7,000
		Sand Control Equipment and Services	66		
		Formation Testing	67		
		Tubular Testing and Cleaning	68		3,000
		Mobilization and Demobilization of Completion Rig	69		
		Air Transportation	70		
		Marine Transportation	71		
		Land Transportation	72		
		Shore Base Services	73		
		Communications	74		
		Fishing Tools and Services	75		
		Wireline Cased-hole Plugbacks	76		
		Miscellaneous Material and Services	77		4,000
		Sidetrack or Milling Sections	78		
		Overhead	79		
		Indirect Expense	80		
		TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS -- INTANGIBLE			65,000

TOTAL COMPLETION COSTS \$ 221,000

		SURFACE EQUIPMENT -- TANGIBLE			
		Pumping Equipment	83		
		Tanks and Related Equipment	84		5,000
		Company Labor and Non-Hauling Units	85		5,000
		Contract Labor and Non-Hauling Units	86		2,000
		Water Injection Equipment	87		
		Heater-Treater	88		
		Miscellaneous Supplies	89		5,000
		Dehydrating Equipment	90		15,000
		Separator-Trap	91		7,000
		Transportation	92		3,000
		Metering Equipment	93		
		Line Pipe	94		43,000
		Electrical Equipment	95		
		Compressors	96		

TOTAL SURFACE EQUIPMENT -- TANGIBLE \$ 85,000

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED DRILLING WELL COSTS

Total Drilling Cost  
Total Completion Cost  
Total Surface Equipment  
Grand Total Cost

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TOTAL COST	MARATHON'S SHARE
	25,000
\$ 564,000	\$ 141,000
221,000	55,300
85,000	21,200
\$ 870,000	\$ 217,500
	217,500

Marathon's Share of Grand Total Cost to be Booked This Year

If Wildcat Well, Give Marathon's Share of Dry Hole Cost

C.W. Trainer

9-16-87 Telephone Conference

1/2 yr ago - when we didn't hear - didn't pay much  
Attention to your letter

- He wants to  
- Operate the well - 50%  
- we have - 25%

- Don't want MOC to operate the well.

- 13 cases ahead - on docket

HIS  
Attorneys \* A.J. Losee - Arden, NM  
\* Ernest Canoll

- Do we want to let C.W. Trainer operate the well?

- ~~2~~ 1/4

- we didn't break <sup>300</sup> ~~100~~ weeks to answer, so why should  
he break his weeks to answer.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
<u>Month</u> EXHIBIT NO. _____
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