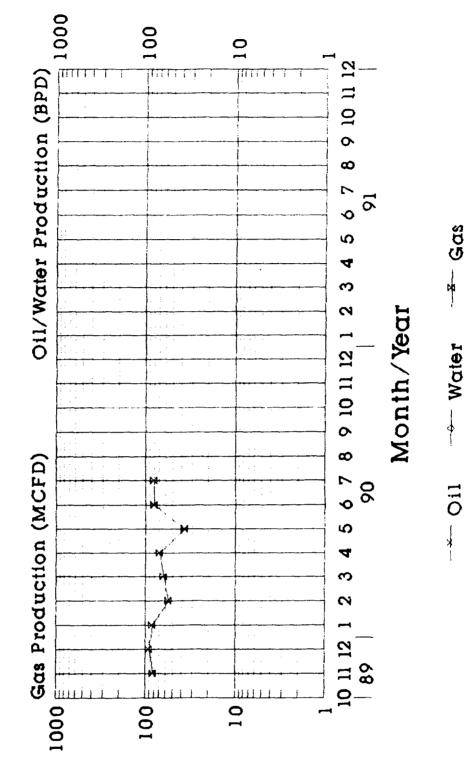
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Production based on actual days on

2,244

71,437

83,043

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5,244

278,436

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302,542

22,724

572,914

690,430

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1993 1994-62

TOTAL

19,686

35,242

194,548

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17,479

294,476

54,096

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March 16, 1992

Farmington District

Bureau of Land Management Minerals Division 1235 La Plata Hwy Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Attn: Duane Spencer Chief of Reservoir Management

> Re: Application for the Initial Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Participating Area "C" Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba County,

New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Application for Approval for the Initial Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Participating Area "C" in the Rincon Unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Enclosed also are geologic and engineering data in support of this application.

Union Oil Company of California, as operator of the Rincon Unit, respectfully requests your approval of this application.

> Very Truly Yours, Union Oil Company of California DBA UNOCAL

William L. Irwin District Petroleum Engineer

xc: Commissioner of Public Lands P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

> Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy & Minerals P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

APPLICATION FOR THE INITIAL BASIN FRUITLAND COAL GAS PARTICIPATING AREA - "C" - RINCON UNIT - RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Duane Spencer Chief of Reservoir Management Bureau of Land Management - Minerals Division 1235 La Plata Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Union Oil Company of California, as unit operator of the Rincon Unit, respectfully submits for your approval the following described lands to constitute the initial participating area "C" for the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas producing formation, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, N.M.P.M.

Section 18: South/2

Containing 319.08 acres, more or less

In support of this application, and in addition to the geologic and engineering reports, the following are attached:

- 1) Structure Top Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Formation
- 2) Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Formation Gross Isopach
- 3) Type Log4) Land Map Rincon Unit
- 5) Rincon Unit #239 Fruitland Coal Gas Production Decline Curve
- 6) Rincon Unit #239 Fruitland Coal Gas Economics
- 7) Schedule of Lands and Working Interest Ownership in the initial Basin Fruitland Coal Gas participating area "C" (Participation Allocation Formula)
- 8) Applicant's Statement and Affidavit

This application is predicated on nine months of actual production history from the Rincon Unit #239 well which first delivered on November 21, 1989.

Applicant respectfully requests your approval of the hereinabove selection of lands to constitute the Initial Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Formation Participating Area "C", to be effective November 21, 1989.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1992,

William L. Irwin

District Petroleum Engineer Union Oil Company of California Well Summary

Well Name: Rincon Unit #239

Location: 1810'FSL, 1645'FWL, Sec 18, T27N, R6W

Elevation: 6648' GL Total Depth: 3312' Lease Number: SF-079052

Pool/Formation: Basin Fruitland Coal Gas

Spud Date: 7-26-89

Completion Date: 10-9-89
1st Delivery Date: 11-21-89

Perf'd Interval: 3072-3076, 3078-3082, 3087-3098, 3162-3174

3176-3192

Geologic Summary

The Fruitland Formation was deposited in a coastal plain environment landward of the Pictured Cliffs strandline. It consists of shales, siltstones, sandstones and coal. The coals were deposited in low-lying areas such as lagoons, swamps and bayous behind the barrier islands, bars, and beaches of the Pictured Cliffs sandstone. The coal is best developed in the basal Fruitland, and extends aerially over the entire basin with the exception of a small region on the eastern margin. Net coal varies from 20 to 80 feet thick with the thickest sections being in the north-central part of the basin. The Rincon Unit coals range in thickness from 30 to 70 feet and in some areas of the unit are split into an upper and a basal coal zone. The coal itself is considered High Volatile C Bituminous in rank. Regional dip is 1 to 2 degrees to the northeast, and structure does not appear to be a factor in natural gas entrapment anywhere in the area of the unit.

Engineering Summary

The Rincon Unit #239 was drilled and completed by Union Oil Company of California as a Basin Fruitland Coal Gas producer in 1989. Surface pipe measuring 9-5/8" was set at 225 feet and cemented with 175 sacks to surface. Production casing measuring 5-1/2" was then set at 3312 feet and cemented in two stages to surface with 595 sacks cement. After drilling out to PBTD of 3312', the lower coal zones was perforated from 3162' to 3192' with 4 shots per foot and fracture stimulated with 6,000# 100 mesh, 147,000# 20/40 sand, and 43,000 gallons cross-linked gel water. Afer setting a bridge plug, the upper coal zone was perforated from 3072' to 3098' with 4 shots per foot and fracture stimulated with 4,000# 100 mesh, 105,000# 20/40 sand and 29,000 gallons cross-linked gel water. The recorded initial potential and 24 hour shut-in pressure were 257 MCFD and 167 psi, respectively. The well was first delivered to the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline system on November 21, 1989. The current deliverability for the well against a 150# line pressure is 50 MCFD.

Volumetrics calculated on the below-listed parameters yields a recoverable gas volume of 0.66 Bcf.

Net Pay: 52 ft

Drainage area: 160 acres Gas Content: 218 SCF/ton

Tonnage Factor: 2024 tons/acre-feet (from density log)

Recovery Factor: 18 %

Economics

Completion Cost: \$367,021 Royalty Burden: 17.50%

Gas Price: \$2.40/MCF with tax credit, 1.50/MCF after yr 2000

Operating Cost: \$250/month

Production Rate: Maximum - 257 MCFD, Current (10/90) - 50 MCFD,

No associated water production

Economics based on the above are attached. Given the investment cost to complete this well payout should occur in 28 years. Compared with gross income after royalty (GAR) this Basin Fruitland Coal Gas well produces in economic quantities above operating costs.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared William L. Irwin, District Petroleum Engineer, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, who, having been by me first duly sworn, upon oath states as follows:

- 1) That this Statement and Affidavit is made concerning this application for the initial Basin Fruitland Coal Gas participating area "C" in the Rincon Unit, in the S/2 Section 18, T27N-R6W, comprising 319.08 acres.
- 2) That to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, the information supplied is true.
- 3) That notice of this application has been mailed or delivered to the Rincon Unit working interest owners in accordance with the unit agreement and the unit operating agreement.
- 4) That he certifies that the information and data contained in the application are true and correct and that all copies of records or summaries of such records relied upon in the application are true, correct and authentic copies of documents on file in the offices of Union Oil Company of California (Unocal).
- 5) That he is of lawful age, that he is a responsible official of Unocal, that he is duly authorized to make this Statement and Affidavit on behalf of Unocal, that he has knowledge of the facts contained herein, that this Statement and Affidavit is true and correct, and that he adopts the allegations herein as his sworn statement.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this undersigned authority, on this day of 1900 1000 1992.

Notary Public in and for San Juan County, New Mexico

My Commission Expires:

SCHEDULE OF LANDS AND WORKING INTEREST OWNERSHIP IN INITIAL BASIN FRUITLAND COAL PARTICIPATING AREA "C"

RINCON UNIT

Tract No. 1 (Unit Tract No. 1) (Acreage in Unit Tract: 520.00 ac.)

LESSOR:

SERIAL NO.:

U.S.A.

SF-079052

ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

Township 27 North, Range 6 West Section 18: SE/4, E/2 SW/4

WORKING INTEREST OWNER(S):

Union Oil Company of California - 100%

ACREAGE INCLUDED IN INITIAL

PARTICIPATING AREA:

240.00 acres

PERCENTAGE OF FRUITLAND COAL FORMATION PRODUCTION ALLOCATED

TO THIS TRACT:

75.21625%

Tract No. 2 (Unit Tract No. 17) (Acreage in Unit Tract: 157.76 ac.)

LESSOR:

U.S.A.

SERIAL NO.:

SF-079404-A

ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

Township 27 North, Range 6 West

Section 18: Lots 3 thru 4

WORKING INTEREST OWNER(S):

El Paso Natural Gas Company - 100%

ACREAGE INCLUDED IN INITIAL

PARTICIPATING AREA:

79.08 acres

PERCENTAGE OF FRUITLAND COAL FORMATION PRODUCTION ALLOCATED

TO THIS TRACT:

24.78375%

SUMMARY OF LANDS INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL BASIN FRUITLAND COAL PARTICIPATING AREA "C"

RINCON UNIT

<u>LEASE</u>	UNIT TRACT NO.	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
U.S.A. SF-079052	1	240.00	75.21625%
U.S.A. SF-079404-A	17	79.08 ————	24.78375%
		319.08	100.00000%

SUMMARY OF WORKING INTEREST OWNERSHIP IN INITIAL BASIN FRUITLAND COAL PARTICIPATING AREA "C"

RINCON UNIT

WORKING INTEREST OWNER	WORKING INTEREST PERCENTAGE	
Union Oil Company of California	76.82091%	
Wiser Oil Company	2.54378%	
H. R. Stasney & Sons Company	1.30259%	
Meridian Oil Inc., as Agent	10.59527%	
Meridian Oil Inc., Individually	1.55217%	
Jones Company, Ltd.	1.30259%	
Conoco, Inc.	2.29005%	
Amoco Production Company	2.29004%	
Beryl B. McMahan	0.65130%	
Beryl B. McMahan, Trustee of the Thomas V. McMahan Trust	0.32565%	
Beryl B. McMahan, Trustee of the Gwin M. Lewis Trust	0.32565%	
TOTAL	100.00000%	

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