

# **Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.**

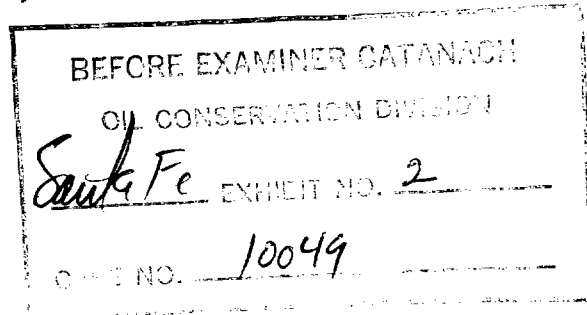
Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company  
Managing General Partner

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July 2, 1990

Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 S. Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attention: Ms. Kathy Porter



Re: Pure Gold Prospect  
Section 4: All  
T-23-S, R-31-E,  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. hereby proposes the formation of a 640 acre Working Interest Unit comprising the captioned acreage, with the initial test to be drilled at a location 1980' FWL & 660' FSL of Section 4, T-23-S, R-31-E, to a depth of 14,850' or sufficient to test the Atoka/Morrow Formation.

Santa Fe will review its geological data with you, subject to your agreement to either commit your leasehold interest to the proposed Working Interest Unit, under a mutually acceptable A.A.P.L. Form 610-1982 Model Form Operating Agreement, or farmout your leasehold interest to the Working Interest Unit under the following general terms:

1. On or before 120 days from the date of a formal agreement, Santa Fe would commence the drilling of a well at the location above with a proposed depth of 14,850' or sufficient to test the Morrow Formation.
2. Farmor would farmout 100% of its leasehold interest to the Working Interest Unit and retain an ORRI sufficient to deliver a 75% NRI lease to the Working Interest Unit.

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3. A well completed as a commercial producer would earn 100% of the leasehold interest from the surface to 100' below total depth drilled.
4. A well completed as a dry hole or commercial producer would earn Farmees the right to commence a subsequent well within 180 days from rig release of the prior well.
5. Farmor would have the option to convert the retained Overriding Royalty Interest to a 25% Working Interest (proportionately reduced) after payout of the initial test well and a one time election to retain its Overriding Royalty Interest or participate with its back-in Working Interest on subsequent wells under the proposed Operating Agreement.
6. Formal Agreements are subject to management approval.

Enclosed for your review please find a land plat showing Santa Fe's acreage and a Well Cost Estimate for the proposed test.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P.  
By: Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company,  
Managing General Partner

By:   
Gary Green, Senior Landman

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Enclosure a/s

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION hereby elects to join in the proposed Working Interest Unit or Farmout its leasehold interest under the terms proposed above, subject to a review of Santa Fe's geological data.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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