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Mr. Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, 2nd Floor Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Re: <u>FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION</u> Gecko State "36" Well No. 1 Application of GECKO, Inc. for an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

This First Amended Application corrects our application filed by letter dated May 19, 1994 in which the 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit was incorrectly identified. The correct spacing and proration unit is the S/2NW/4 of Section 36.

All of the parties participating in this well's 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit are the same parties who would participate in the spacing units towards which this well encroaches. Accordingly, no notices of hearing have been provided.

Ver truly wours.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: GECKO, Inc.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GECKO, INC. AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY. NEW MEXICO

MAY 3 | 1991

CASE NO.:

FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION

Comes now GECKO. INC. by its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an exception to the Special Rules and Regulations of the Casey-Strawn Pool and for approval to drill its Gecko State "36" Well No. 1 at unorthodox oil well location 2414 feet FNL and 1109 feet FWL (Unit E) in Section 36, T16S, R37E. NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. within an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit consisting of the S/2NW/4 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to production from the Casey-Strawn Pool,

and in support states:

(1) GECKO, Inc. is the proposed operator for and a working interest owner in the GECKO State "36" Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 2414 feet FNL and 1109 feet FWL (Unit E) of Section 36, T16S, R37E, NMPM, Casey-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. See Exhibit "A" attached.

(2) The Strawn formation at this location is within the Casey-Strawn Pool which is subject to Special Rules and Regulations as set forth in Division Order R-2187-A issued January 23, 1979.



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(3) The Special Rules and Regulations for the Pool provide, among other things, for 80-acre proration and spacing units for oil production with wells located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

(4) GECKO, Inc. requests an exception to the Special Rules and Regulations of the Casey-Strawn Pool concerning locations.

(5) The proposed unorthodox well location for the GECKO State "36" Well No. 1 is based upon geologic considerations and will afford to the applicant and the other working interest owners in this well the maximum opportunity to encounter the Strawn formation at its most favorable location in this spacing unit.

(6) The direction of encroachment is towards the N/2SW/4 of said Section 36 which involves the same owners with the same percentages as those who will participate in the subject well. Therefore, in accordance with Division notice requirements, no notifications are required.

(7) Approval of this application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the affected pool and to protect its spacing unit from drainage thereby protecting correlative rights and potentially recover hydrocarbons that might otherwise not be recovered thereby preventing waste.

WHEREFORE, GECKO, Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing and that after notice and hearing as provided for by Division rules, the application be granted as requested.

kespectfully submitted

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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

CASE: Application of GECKO, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 2414 feet from the North line and 1109 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM to test for production from the Casey-Strawn Pool and to be dedicated to a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit consisting of the S/2NW/4 of said Section 36. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north from Humble City, New Mexico.

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