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June 27, 1994

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Attention: Mr. David R. Catanach

Re: Exception to NMOCD Rule 303 (A), Order No. R-10033 ; Addition of Five Wells to Previous Division Order Jalmat and Langlie Mattix Pools Cooper Jal Unit Well Numbers 406, 407, 409, 414, and 419 T-24-S, R-36 & 37-E Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. respectfully requests administrative approval to add the five said wells to the its previous Division Order for downhole commingling of production from the Jalmat and Langlie Mattix Pools. The five said wells are located within the unit boundaries of the Cooper Jal Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Each wells location is indicated in the attachments to this letter. All of the said wells are proposed to be drilled to the base of the Langlie Mattix Pool and simultaneously completed in the Langlie Mattix and Jalmat Pools as downhole commingled producers.

During 1993, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division approved a Texaco E&P proposal for certification of Enhanced Oil Recovery on the Cooper Jal Unit. In this proposal, Texaco indicated that future locations would need to drilled as downhole commingled wells to complete the enhanced oil recovery project. The five subject wells presented in this application are part of that project. Within the Cooper Jal Unit, the Jalmat and Langlie Mattix Pools have been concurrently waterflooded since October 1970. All produced fluids have entered a common production and injection facility since that time with no fluid compatibility problems.

The proposed downhole commingling will provide a more economical means of production. It will allow complete development of the productive capacity within the unit by allowing the two intervals to be waterflooded on concurrent 40-acre five spot patterns. This will extend the productive life of both intervals, thereby preventing waste. It is therefore requested by Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., to administratively downhole commingle the Jalmat and Langlie Mattix Pools within the said five wellbores. Texaco requests that this be performed by adding these wells to the previously signed downhole commingling order, No. R-10033, dated December 10, 1993.

The subject wells meet all of requirements as set forth by Rule 303 (C) except Rule 303 (C) 1. a. (1), where the total volumes of water produced are above the set state wide limits. This issue was addressed and resolved during a NMOCD Hearing, Case No. 10879, on December 2, 1993. The ownership of both zones are common (including working and royalty interests). The Jalmat and Langlie Mattix pools have been successfully commingled within the Cooper Jal Unit area with no incompatibility of reservoir

The following information is submitted as support for this

- 1. Location plat (Form C-102)
- 2. Well Data Sheets
- 3. Computation of Value for commingled production
- 4. Individual Well Casing Programs (Form C-101)
- 5. Average Production plots for the five 1993 infield producers.
- 6. Statement of notification to offset operators and USGS.

It is requested that the allocation of production for each zone be deferred until each well is placed on production. At such time, it is proposed to isolate the Jalmat interval in each well, to determine its productive rate prior to commingling. Production will then be allocated to the Langlie Mattix by subtracting the Jalmat production rate from the total stabilized production rate after downhole commingling the well.

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. believes that the administrative approval for downhole commingling and use of artificial lift on said wells will improve secondary recovery efforts and prolong the productive life of both zones, therefore preventing waste. If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Michael Alexander at (505)397-0411.

Yours very truly, R5 Pal

Russell Pool Hobbs Area Engineer

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cc: Jerry Sexton/NMOCD/Hobbs Shannon Shaw/BLM/Carlsbad