

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 5643
ORDER NO. 6532

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A WELL AT A LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 2280 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 32, T.140N., R.96W., STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 43-02-03-18 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND DESIGNATING THE W/2 OF SECTION 32 AS A 320-ACRE DRILLING UNIT FOR SAID WELL AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of October, 1992, in Bismarck, North Dakota, before an examiner appointed by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 3rd day of November, 1992, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That applicant, Conoco Inc. ("Conoco"), is the owner of an oil and gas leasehold estate in the W/2 of Section 32, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota.

(3) That Conoco requests permission to drill a test well to the Deadwood Formation at a location on said tract approximately 2280 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of said Section 32 as an exception to the spacing requirements of Section 43-02-03-18 North Dakota Administrative Code ("NDAC"). Also, Conoco requests that the W/2 of said Section 32 be designated the drilling unit for the proposed well.

(4) That the location of the proposed well is within the boundary of the Dickinson-Heath Unit and complies with the spacing requirements for a well in the Unit Area for a Heath test. However, all other potentially productive formations to be encountered by the well are not spaced. Wells drilled in unspaced areas must be located on a drilling unit pursuant to Section 43-02-03-18.

(5) That information presented in this matter indicates that the location of the proposed well is on the crest of a structural high.

(6) That locating the well on the high point of the structure as is proposed, will increase the probability of success. A well drilled at a proper location pursuant to Section 43-02-03-18 NDAC would be off the high point of the structure and would result in a dry hole or a noncommercial well.

(7) That a well drilled at the proposed location will produce oil and gas that might otherwise not be produced and will increase the ultimate recovery from any pool encountered.

(8) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, this application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, its assigns and successors, is hereby permitted to drill a well located approximately 2280 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 32, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota, as an exception to the spacing requirements set forth in Section 43-02-03-18 NDAC.

(2) That the drilling unit for the well permitted in (1) above is hereby designated the W/2 of said Section 32.

(3) That the applicant shall apply for a permit to drill the above well as required in Section 43-02-03-16 NDAC.

(4) That the well permitted in (1) above shall not produce more than its fair and equitable share of oil and/or gas in the reservoir.

(5) That this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1992.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

/s/ George A. Sinner
George A. Sinner, Governor

/s/ Nicholas J. Spaeth
Nicholas J. Spaeth, Attorney General

/s/ Sarah Vogel
Sarah Vogel, Commissioner of Agriculture

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APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC.

COMES NOW the applicant, Conoco Inc., and respectfully shows the North Dakota Industrial Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1.

That Conoco Inc. is the owner of an interest in the oil and gas leasehold estate in the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 32, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota ("Section 32").

2.

That Conoco Inc. is desirous of drilling a Silurian/Interlake test well at a location 2280 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of said Section 32.

3.

That pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code §43-02-03-18, in the absence of spacing, the location of wells are designated so that wells projected 10,000 feet or less shall not be drilled less than 500 feet to the boundary of a governmental quarter-quarter section and so that wells projected to more than 10,000 feet shall not be drilled less than 660 feet to the boundary of a quarter section.

4.

That N.D. Admin. Code §43-02-03-02 provides that the Commission may grant exceptions to the general rules of the Commission when necessary to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

5.

That N.D.C.C. §38-08-07(3) provides, in part, that upon application, if the Commission finds that a well drilled at the prescribed location would not produce in paying quantities, that surface conditions would substantially add to the burden or hazard of drilling such well, or that the drilling of such well at a location other than the prescribed location is necessary to protect correlative rights, prevent waste, or to effect greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas, the Commission is authorized to enter an order permitting the well to be drilled at a location other than a prescribed location.

6.

That N.D. Admin. Code § 43-02-03-18.1 provides that upon the application of an interested party and if the Commission finds that a well drilled at a location prescribed by an applicable rule or order of the Commission would not produce in paying quantities or

the surface locations would substantially add to the cost or hazard of drilling a well, the Commission may authorize the drilling of a well at a location other than the prescribed location.

7.

That Conoco Inc. is of the opinion that drilling a Silurian/Interlake test well at a location approximately 2280 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 32 is necessary to protect correlative rights, prevent waste and to effect the greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas from the pool.

8.

That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" is a plat showing the proposed location and showing all producing wells and abandoned producers and dry holes on properties adjoining the proposed location.

9.


That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B" is a list of owners or lessees of properties adjoining the tract which would be affected by the exception location to each of which a copy of this application is being mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested.

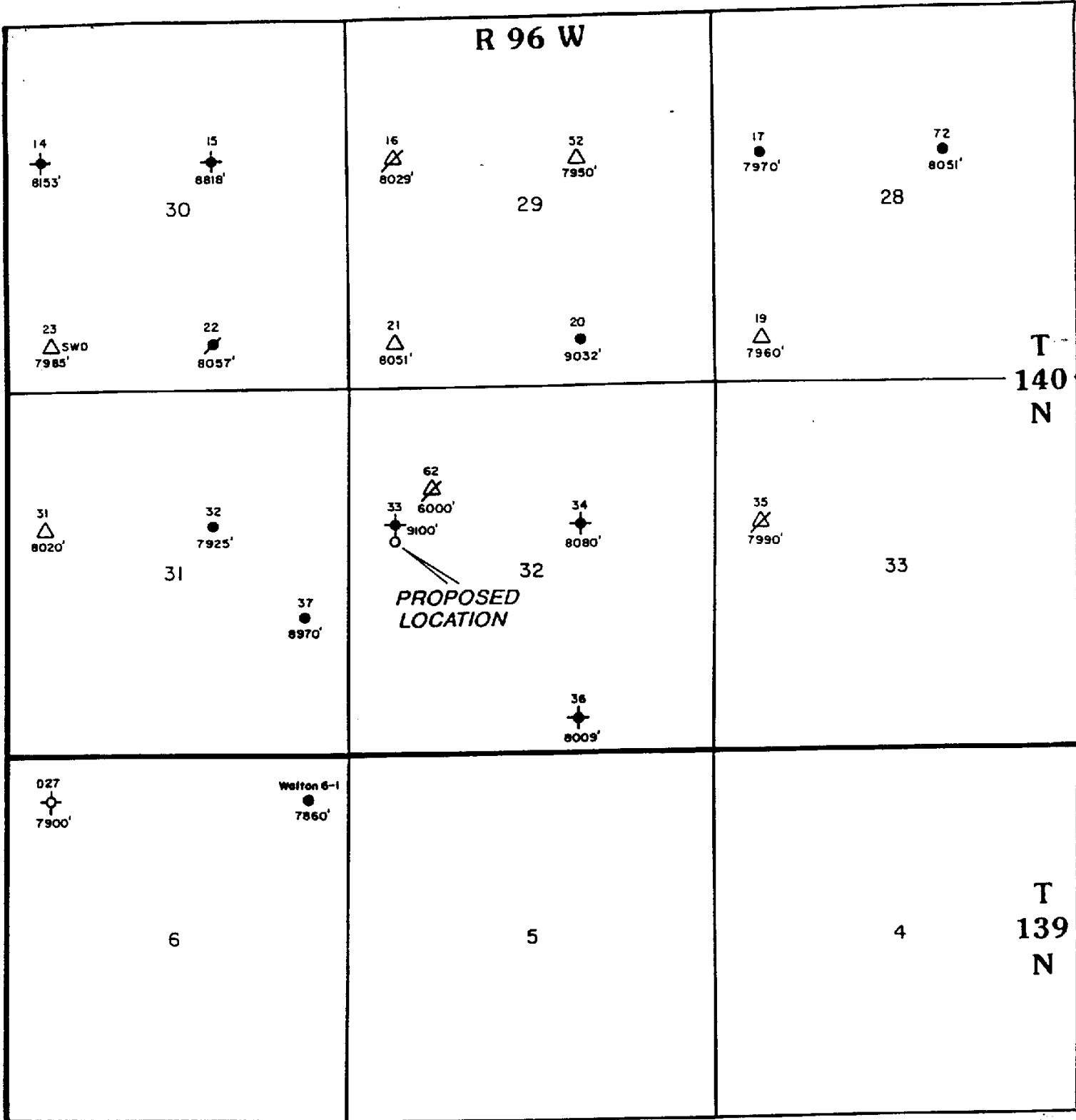
10.

That Conoco Inc. therefore requests that the Commission enter its order authorizing the drilling of a Silurian/Interlake test well approximately 2280 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 32, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota, as an exception to the provisions of N. D. Admin. Code


LAWRENCE BENDER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of September, 1992.


Lynette Entzi, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 6-26-93





	
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DICKINSON FIELD (South Central Portion)	
<p>Scale: 1" = 2000'</p> <p>Stark Co., North Dakota</p> <p>Date: 9-21-92</p>	

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

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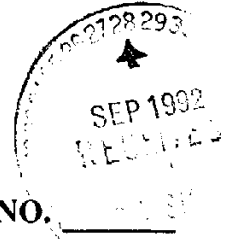
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)


Lyn Entzi, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 28th day of
September, 1992, she served the attached:

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC.


by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

See attached Exhibit A.

and having the same deposited in the United States mail, certified mail, return receipt
requested, postage prepaid, at Bismarck, North Dakota.


LYN/ENTZI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of September, 1992.


ROSALINDE K. KIENZLE, Notary Public
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My Commission expires: 05-23-95

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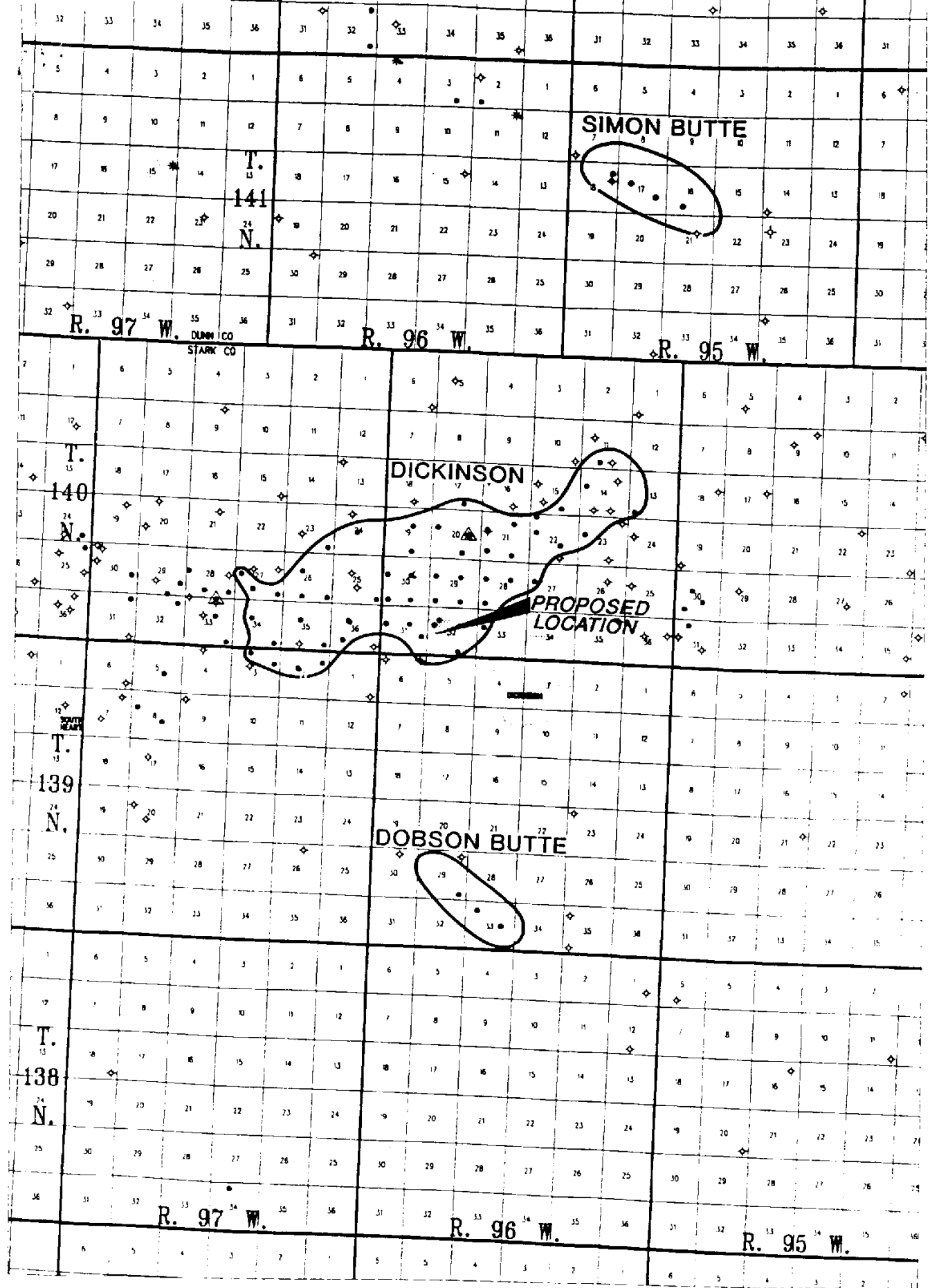
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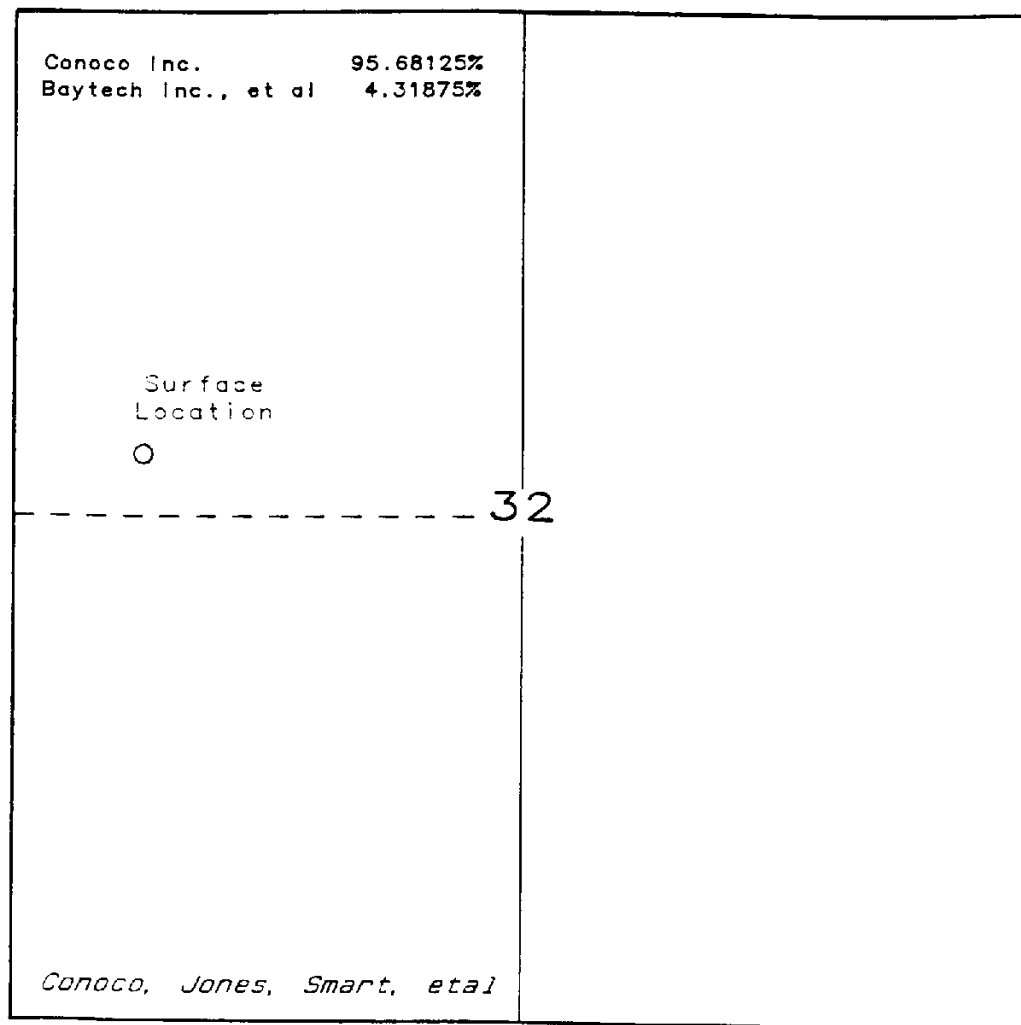
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Exhibit No. 1

DICKINSON FIELD

Dickinson State #74



Section 32, T.140 N., R.96 W.
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Exhibit No. 2

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Gerald Kalanek	40.00	
Peggy Addington	20.00	
Virginia L. Sherron	20.00	
J. Hiram Moore Tr.	10.75	
E.E. Trumbull	10.00	
J.P. McKinley	10.00	
Elizabeth H. Welch	10.00	
Mary Margaret Pugh	7.50	
Beeman Dockrey	5.75	
N.H. Lake	5.00	
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Leslie J. May	5.00	
Pacific West Lease Co.	2.50	
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Farm Credit Bank, St. Paul	80.00000	Ac.
Conoco Inc.	23.75000	Ac.
C.H. Smart, Jr.	10.00000	Ac.
Martina Smart Bennet	10.00000	Ac.
1st. Trust, St. Paul, Elsie Hill	7.50000	Ac.
EAST Mineral Co.	7.43000	Ac.
Louise W. Hill, Jr.	3.12500	Ac.
1st. Trust Mari Hill	2.50000	Ac.
1st. Trust Louise Hill	2.50000	Ac.
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Wyde Jones	2.50000	Ac.
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Baytech, Inc.	0.49500	Ac.
Collins & Ware Inc.	0.31000	Ac.
Matt-Tex, L.P.	0.24000	Ac.
Randy Reisman	0.18000	Ac.
John A. Mathews, Jr.	0.12000	Ac.
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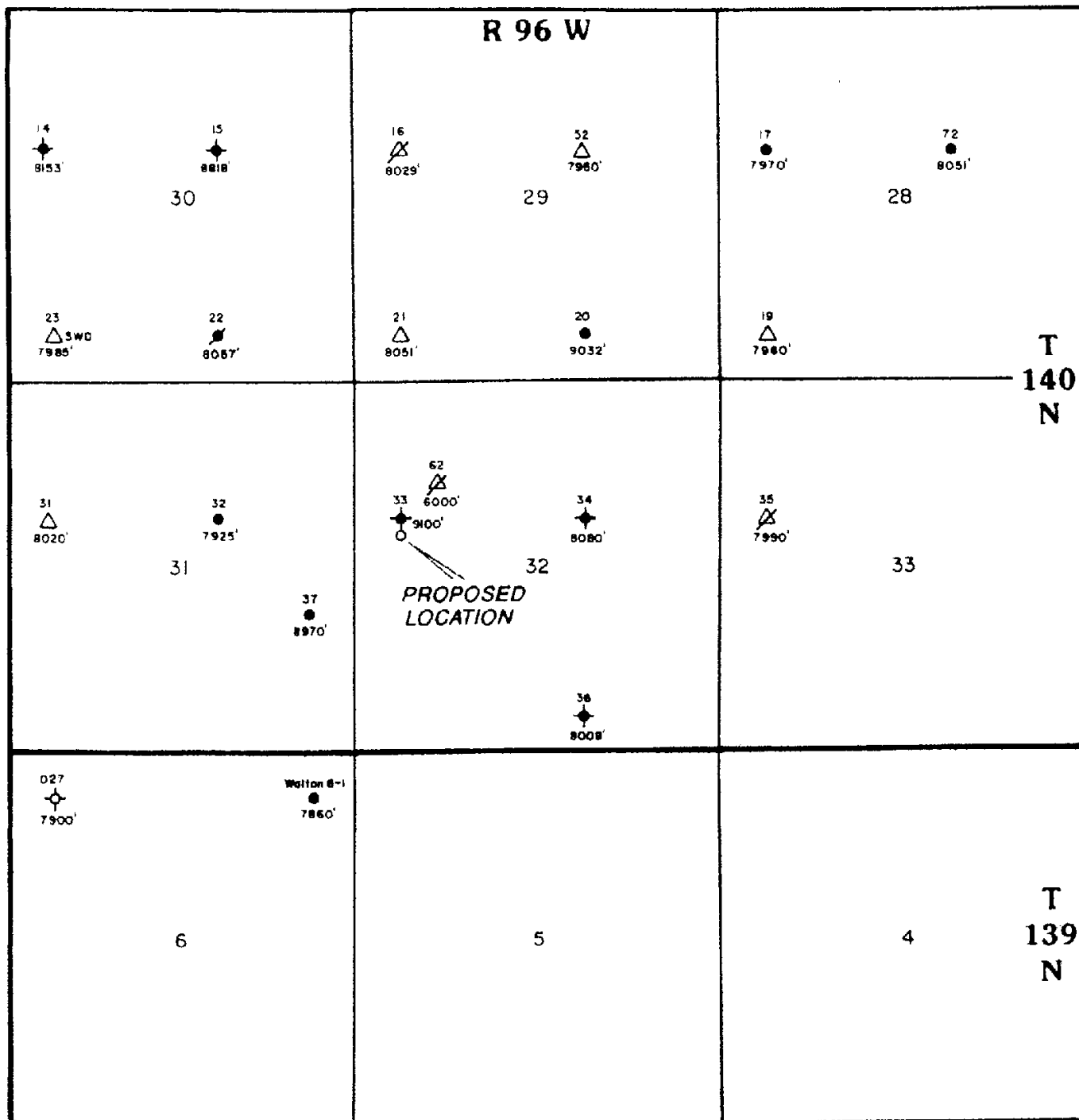
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

I, Donna Bauer, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say: That on the 12th day of November, 1992, I enclosed in separate envelopes true and correct copies of the attached Order No. 6532 of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, and deposited the same with the United States Postal Service in Bismarck, North Dakota, with postage thereon fully paid, directed to the following persons, all of whom appeared at the hearing of the Industrial Commission in Case No. 5643:

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Mr. Mike Borah
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Donna Bauer
Donna Bauer
Oil & Gas Division

On this 12th day of November, 1992, before me personally appeared Donna Bauer to me known as the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

Margaret Rix
Notary Public

State of North Dakota County of Burleigh
My Commission expires 9/14/92

OK
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION
THE DICKINSON PRESS
Dickinson, North Dakota

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, }
County of Stark.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NORTH DAKOTA
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

The State of North Dakota by its Industrial Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 1992, Pioneer Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. For the purpose of this hearing, the Commission, any member thereof acting as Examiner, or an Examiner appointed by the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest, or claim in the following cases and notices to the public. CASE NO. 5643: ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A WELL AT A LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 2280 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 32, T.140N., R.96W., STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 43-02-03-18 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND DESIGNATING THE W/2 OF SECTION 32 AS A 320-ACRE DRILLING UNIT FOR SAID WELL AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

Signed by,
George A. Sinner, Governor
Chairman, ND Industrial
Commission
(Published October 7, 1992)

Belle L. Krank, of said state and county, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That s he is the bookkeeper of the Dickinson Press, Inc., publisher of **THE DICKINSON PRESS**, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Dickinson, in said county and state, and has been such during the time hereinafter mentioned; and that advertisement headed Legal--Case No. 5643

\$20.80

a printed copy of which is hereunto annexed, was printed and published in **The Dickinson Press**, and in the regular and entire issue of each and every number 1 consecutive weeks, commencing on the 7 day of October A.D. 19 92, and ending on the 7 day of October A.D., 1992, both inclusive.

Belle L. Krank
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 7th day of October A.D. 19 92.

Marilyn Wanner
MARILYN WANNER
Notary Public, STARK COUNTY, N.DAK.
My Commission Expires APRIL 28, 1994

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The State of North Dakota by its Industrial Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 1992, Pioneer Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. For the purpose of this hearing, the Commission, any member thereof acting as Examiner, or an Examiner appointed by the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:
All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest, or claim in the following cases and notices to the public. **CASE NO. 5630:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE PROPER SPACING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROOSEVELT-RED RIVER POOL, BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, REDEFINE THE LIMITS OF THE FIELD, AND ENACT SUCH SPECIAL FIELD RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY. **CASE NO. 5631:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE TEMPORARY SPACING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OIL AND/OR GAS POOL DISCOVERED BY THE AXEM RESOURCES, INC. #2-9 SOUTH CARPENTER LAKE WELL, LOCATED IN THE NW NE OF SECTION 9, T.153N., R.87W., WARD COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, DEFINE THE LIMITS OF THE FIELD, AND ENACT SUCH SPECIAL FIELD RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY. **CASE NO. 5632:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE TEMPORARY SPACING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OIL AND/OR GAS POOL DISCOVERED BY THE TEXAS CRUDE EXPLORATION, INC. #1-WEINMANN "9" WELL, LOCATED IN THE NW SE OF SECTION 9, T.159N., R.90W., BURKE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, DEFINE THE LIMITS OF THE FIELD, AND ENACT SUCH SPECIAL FIELD RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY. **CASE NO. 5633:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF DRYX ENERGY COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY FROM EACH NON-PARTICIPATING LESSEE OF A RISK PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 38-08-08 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIONS ON THE SPACING UNIT FOR THE STONEVIEW-STONEWALL POOL, DESCRIBED AS THE E/2 OF SECTION 31, T.160N., R.93W., DIVIDE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA. **CASE NO. 5634:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE PATENT GATE-MADISON POOL SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL OF SECTIONS 29, 31 AND 32, T.151N., R.100W., AND THE S/2 OF SECTION 25, T.151N., R.101W., ALL IN MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, WITHIN THE FIELD LIMITS OF THE POOL. **CASE NO. 5635:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN A SPACING UNIT FOR THE PATENT GATE-MADISON POOL DESCRIBED AS THE SW/4 OF SECTION 29, T.151N., R.100W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA; AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF A RISK PENALTY FROM EACH NON-PARTICIPATING LESSEE AS PROVIDED BY NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE SECTION 38-08-08; AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE. **CASE NO. 5636:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN A SPACING UNIT FOR THE PATENT GATE-MADISON POOL DESCRIBED AS THE NE/4 OF SECTION 31, T.151N., R.100W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA; AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF A RISK PENALTY FROM EACH NON-PARTICIPATING LESSEE AS PROVIDED BY NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE SECTION 38-08-08; AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

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CASE NO. 5637: ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF ENSIGN OIL AND GAS INC. FOR AN ORDER TO PERMIT THE FLARING OF GAS PRODUCED FROM THE #1-2 TRIPLETT WELL, LOCATED IN THE SE/4 OF SECTION 2, T.159N., R.86W., IVANHOE FIELD, RENVILLE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXEMPTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 38-08-06.4 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE. **CASE NO. 5638:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO PETROLEUM FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING THE RECOMPLETION OF THE A.B. ERICKSON #1-A WELL, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 1025 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 3, T.160N., R.95W., DIVIDE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SPACING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STONEVIEW-MADISON POOL. **CASE NO. 5639:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO PETROLEUM FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN A SPACING UNIT FOR THE STONEVIEW-MADISON POOL DESCRIBED AS THE SW/4 OF SECTION 2, T.160N., R.91W., DIVIDE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AND AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY FROM EACH NON-PARTICIPATING LESSEE OF A RISK PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 38-08-08 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE. **CASE NO. 5640:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN A SPACING UNIT FOR THE PIERRE CREEK-BAKKEN POOL DESCRIBED AS ALL OF SECTION 12, T.145N., R.102W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AND AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY FROM EACH NON-PARTICIPATING LESSEE OF A RISK PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 38-08-08 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE. **CASE NO. 5641:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE APPLICABLE ORDERS GOVERNING THE FLAT TOP BUTTE-BAKKEN POOL, MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, SO AS TO REDEFINE THE STRATIGRAPHIC LIMITS OF THE POOL SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ACCUMULATION OF OIL AND GAS FOUND IN THE INTERVAL FROM 500 FEET ABOVE THE TOP OF THE BAKKEN FORMATION TO 50 FEET BELOW THE TOP OF THE THREE FORKS FORMATION. **CASE NO. 5642:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE FLAT TOP BUTTE-BAKKEN POOL SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF ALL OF SECTION 20, T.146N., R.101W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF VOLUNTARILY POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN SAID SPACING UNIT, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

CASE NO. 5642: ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE FLAT TOP BUTTE-BAKKEN POOL, SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF ALL OF SECTION 14, T.146N., R.102W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF VOLUNTARILY POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN SAID SPACING UNIT, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE. **CASE NO. 5643:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A WELL AT A LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 7280 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 32, T.140N., R.96W., STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 43-02-03-18 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND DESIGNATING THE W/2 OF SECTION 32 AS A 320-ACRE DRILLING UNIT FOR SAID WELL AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE. **CASE NO. 5644:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE CINNAMON CREEK-BAKKEN POOL SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTION 12, T.145N., R.102W., MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF ONE HORIZONTAL WELL THEREIN, AND/OR SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE. **CASE NO. 5645:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE BICENTENIAL-BAKKEN POOL SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTION 29, T.144N., R.103W., GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF ONE HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL THEREIN, AND/OR SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

OTHER AND ADDITIONAL LANDS AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SAID SECTION 31, AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF ONE HORIZONTAL WELL THEREIN, AND/OR SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE. **CASE NO. 5646:** ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR AN ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR THE BICENTENIAL-BAKKEN POOL SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTION 29, T.144N., R.103W., GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF ONE HORIZONTAL BAKKEN WELL THEREIN, AND/OR SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

Signed by,
George A. Sinner, Governor
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