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Greater Green River Basin Production Improvement Project Stratos Site Characterization Report

Abstract

Several tight, naturally-fractured, gas-productive formations in the Greater Green River Basin (GGRB) in Wyoming have been exploited using conventional vertical well technology. Typically, hydraulic fracture treatments must be performed in completing these wells to increase gas production rates to economic levels. However, with the maturation of horizontal drilling technology hydraulic fracture treatments may not be the most effective method for improving gas production from these tight reservoirs. Horizontal drilling technology may be particularly well suited to reservoirs where hydraulic fracturing is inefficient either because hydraulic fractures are parallel to natural fracture strike and/or because these natural fractures are poor stress barriers to limit excessive hydraulic fracture height growth.

Two of the most prolific tight gas reservoirs in the Green River Basin, the Frontier and the Mesaverde, are candidates for the application of horizontal well completion technology. Several horizontal completions have already been implemented in the Wamsutter Arch area as an alternative to vertical, hydraulically-fractured wells (e.g., Amoco Champlin 254-B2-H in T20N-R93W, completed in January 1994). It is estimated that 5 to 10 additional horizontal wells will be drilled for the Mesaverde within the next several years. The objective of the proposed project, however, is to apply the DOE's technical concept to the Second Frontier Formation on the western flank of the Rock Springs Uplift. This area has not been tested with alternative completion technology (i.e., horizontal drilling) and the marine blanket and fluvial lenticular reservoirs characteristic of the Second Frontier represent a prime candidate for a DOE demonstration project that would compare production improvements by drilling, completing and testing vertical, horizontal and directionally-drilled wells.

Previous industry attempts to produce in commercial quantities from the Second Frontier Formation west of the Rock Springs Uplift have been hampered by lack of understanding of both the in-situ natural fracture system and lack of adequate stimulation treatments. Developing techniques to more efficiently improve exploitation efficiencies in the Second Frontier has potentially high rewards because the potential recoverable gas resource in the Deep Frontier is large, with gas-in-place ranging from 10 to 25 BCF per 640-acre section. A successful demonstration of the economic feasibility of multiple lateral drilling will accomplish the principal objective established by the DOE for the proposed project: to reduce the technical risks and economic uncertainty standing in the way of increased efficient industry development of the low permeability (tight) gas resource of the GGRB, Wyoming. The proposed technical approach involves drilling a vertical characterization well to the Second Frontier Formation at a depth of approximately 16,000 ft. from a site located about 18 miles northwest of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Logging, coring, and well testing information from the vertical well will be used to design a hydraulic fracturing treatment and to assess the resulting production performance. Data from the vertical drilling phase will be used to design a 2,500 to 3,00-ft. lateral wellbore which will be kicked off from the vertical hole and extend into the blanket marine sandstone bench of the Second Frontier Formation. The trajectory of this wellbore will be designed to intersect the maximum number of natural fractures to maximize production rates. Production testing of the resulting completion will provide an assessment of reserve potential related to horizontal lateral completions.

In a potential additional phase of the project, a high-angle wellbore will be kicked off from the vertical well to intersect compartmentalized lenticular fluvial sandstones in the upper sandstone bench of the Second Frontier Formation. Production testing of this wellbore will provide an assessment of reserve potential related to high-angle wellbore completions in somewhat discontinuous sandstone reservoirs.

A final report will be issued documenting the relative economic merits, including costs and recoveries, for each drilling scenario. The economic benefits of multiple lateral drilling will also be compared to the costs of drilling vertical wells to accomplish similar production rates in the deep Second Frontier Formation.

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1. Introduction

The Greater Green River Basin (GGRB) of Wyoming has produced abundant oil and gas out of multiple reservoirs for over 60 years, and large quantities of gas remain untapped in tight gas sandstone reservoirs. Recent gas resource estimates for low permeability Cretaceous and Tertiary reservoirs in the GGRB range from 1,968 TCF in place (the Scotia Group) to 5,064 TCF in place (U. S. Geological Survey) (DOE Topical Report by the Scotia Group, 1993). Current activity, including the Greater Green River Basin Production Improvement Project, is focusing on ways to convert this vast resource into economically recoverable gas.

Even though GGRB production has been established in formations from the Paleozoic to the Tertiary, recent activity has focused on several Cretaceous reservoirs. Two of these formations, the Almond and the Frontier Formations, have been classified as tight sands (permeabilities <0.1 millidarcy) and are prolific gas producers in the GGRB. The formations are typically naturally fractured and have been exploited using conventional vertical well technology. In most cases, hydraulic fracture treatments must be performed when completing these wells to increase gas production rates to economic levels. However, hydraulic fracture treatments may not be the most effective method for improving gas production from these tight reservoirs. With the maturation of horizontal drilling technology it has become apparent that horizontal drilling may be particularly well suited to reservoirs where hydraulic fracture strike and/or because encasing shales are poor stress barriers to limit excessive hydraulic fracture height growth.

Several horizontal completions have been made in the Almond Formation in the Wamsutter Arch area (i.e. Amoco Champlin 254-B2-H in T20N-R93W), and several more horizontal completions are planned as alternatives to vertical, hydraulically-fractured wells. The purpose of this project is to apply alternative completions technology (i.e. horizontal drilling) to the Second Frontier Formation on the western flank of the Rock Springs Uplift (Fig. 1), and to compare production improvements by drilling, completing, and testing vertical, horizontal and directionally-drilled wellbores at a common site.

1.1 Objectives of the project and technical approach

The objective of the Greater Green River Basin (GGRB) production improvement project is to assess the technical and economic feasibility of multiple lateral completion

technology in the fluvial and marine sandstones of the deep Second Frontier Formation located in the GGRB, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

The technical approach involves the drilling of a vertical characterization well to the Second Frontier Formation in the deep basin located between the Rock Springs Uplift and the Moxa Arch in southwest Wyoming. Following complete characterization, stimulation and testing of the Second Frontier marine sandstone bench and the overlying fluvial sandstone bench from the vertical wellbore, a horizontal wellbore will be initiated from the characterization well in the marine bench of the Second Frontier. Following evaluation of the lateral wellbore, a slant wellbore will be initiated in the fluvial sandstone.

The project is subdivided into several phases. Optional phase 3 will be performed subject to mutual agreement between DOE and UPR regarding final technical design and feasibility. Each phase is described as follows:

Phase 1: The objective of Phase 1 is to complete the permitting process, geologic characterization and NEPA reporting for a wellsite location in Section 24, T22N-R107W, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

Phase 2: The objective of Phase 2 is to drill, complete and test a vertical wellbore in the Second Frontier Formation. With appropriate approval, a road and well location will be constructed in early 1995. Drilling of this well is anticipated to begin in August 1995. The wellbore will be designed with a 12.5 " casing string to total depth to facilitate the kickoff of the directionally-drilled lateral to be emplaced in the Second Frontier in subsequent optional phases. The information from the vertical well will be used to further characterize the site geology, rock quality, natural fractures, stress directions and gas productivity in support of the subsequent phases of the project. The results of Phase 2 will be documented in a topical report and presented at appropriate technology transfer workshops.

Phase 3a: The objective of Phase 3a is to design, drill, test and evaluate the effectiveness of a horizontal lateral which will be directionally kicked-off from the existing vertical well in the marine sandstone bench of the Second Frontier. The lateral will be normal to the strike of the prevailing natural fracture trend. A comparison of the completion effectiveness of the horizontal lateral and the vertical, hydraulically-fractured well will be made and documented in a topical report. Project results will be presented at an appropriate technology transfer workshop.

Phase 3b: The objective of Phase 3b is to design, drill, test and evaluate the effectiveness of a high-angle lateral which will be drilled in the lenticular reservoirs of the fluvial bench of the Second Frontier at a separate location. The high-angle wellbore will be normal to strike of the prevailing fracture trend and will intersect several discrete sandstone bodies. Phase 3b results will be documented in a topical report and a cumulative comparison of the completion effectiveness of the vertical,

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dual-horizontal laterals, and the high-angle completions will be made an documented in a final report. If warranted, project results will be presented at an appropriate technology transfer workshop.

1.2 Location of the selected site for the project

The site has been designated the Stratos site and is located in Section 24, T22N-R107W, Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The location of the well is shown in figure 1, and is located in the central part of the GGRB, approximately 18 miles west of the west flank of the Rock Springs Uplift and 25 miles east of the Moxa Arch. Subsurface mineral rights are owned 100 percent by Union Pacific Resources, and the surface owner is the U. S. Bureau of Land Management. The Second Frontier is the target formation at approximately 16,000 ft., and the primary objectives are fluvial sandstones and marine shoreface sandstones within the Second Frontier.

The Second Frontier at the selected wellsite should contain both marine shoreface sandstones and fluvial channel-fill sandstones. The presence of the fluvial and marine sandstones in wells adjacent to the proposed location provide the basis for significant production potential. Based on offsetting log and core information a combined net pay of over 40 ft. is anticipated, with an average porosity of 9 percent and an average water saturation of 40 to 45 percent. Seismic information, well log and core analysis, and field examination all support the likelihood of natural fractures occurring in the proposed well. The proposed location is adjacent to two previous Frontier completions (one of which was the Blue Rim Federal 1-31) which produced gas at rates of 250 to 1,800 MCFD. The probability of encountering gas is very high; however there are risks associated with recoverable reserve levels and the payout potential for the combined drilling, completion, and testing costs associated with the proposed project.

2. Regional Geology

2.1 General overview of the structural framework of the GGRB and the depositional setting for the Cretaceous of western Wyoming

The Greater Green River Basin is a composite of several smaller foreland basins, and covers an area of approximately 19,700 square miles. The GGRB is bounded by the Wyoming Overthrust Belt on the west, the Wind River Mountains on the north, the Rawlins Uplift and the Park Range Uplift on the east, and the Uinta Mountains and Axial Basin Arch on the south (Figures 2a and 2b). Although the GGRB is bounded on the west by the thin-skinned deformation of the Overthrust Belt, the uplifts within the GGRB and their adjacent sub-basins are basement-involved. Most of the structural features within the basin are the result of compressional deformation associated with the Laramide orogeny (Campanian through Maastrichtian). There is evidence that there was earlier movement along the Moxa Arch, perhaps as early as Frontier time (Wach, 1977). Isopach maps and stratigraphic relationships within the Frontier Formation indicate that parts of southwestern Wyoming and northeast Utah were slightly positive elements during Frontier time.

The Greater Green River Basin of Wyoming is located along the western margin of the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway which extended from Alaska to Mexico during the Upper Cretaceous (Fig. 3). Over 17,000 feet of Upper Cretaceous rocks were deposited during several cycles of relative sea level rises and falls. The sediments that fed the Upper Cretaceous shorelines in southwest Wyoming were derived from the west and northwest as uplifts resulting from the Sevier and Laramide orogenies were eroded.

Isopach maps of the Upper Cretaceous sediments in southwesternmost Wyoming and easternmost Utah show a north-south trending feature in which tens of thousands of feet of Upper Cretaceous sediments accumulated (Fig. 4). This geographic area characterized by the remarkably thick package of sediments is interpreted to represent a foredeep. This foredeep apparently formed in response to the loading of the crust caused by the multiple episodes of thrusting associated with the Sevier Orogeny to the west. The foredeep acted as a sediment sink for many of the Upper Cretaceous rocks, and trapped most of the coarse-grained sediment that was being shed off the Sevier Orogeny. The Greater Green River Basin is situated on the easternmost edge of the foredeep, and contains a relatively thin package of Upper Cretaceous rocks compared to the foredeep directly to the west.

2.2 Frontier Formation regional depositional setting

The Frontier Formation in the Greater Green River Basin of Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah consists primarily of sandstone, siltstone, and shale, with minor amounts of coal and conglomerate. These marine and non-marine sediments were deposited along the western margin of the Western Interior Cretaceous Seaway, and record sedimentation

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into and across a foredeep that was subsiding during Frontier time (Figures 3 and 4). Previous studies have described the Frontier sediments as fluvial/deltaic deposits associated with wave-dominated deltaic complexes that fed sediments from the rising Sevier highlands in the west to the Cretaceous seaway to the east (Cobban and Reeside, 1952; Reeside, 1955; Hale, 1962; DeChadenades, 1975; Ryer, 1977; Myers, 1977; Winn et al., 1984; Moslow and Tillman, 1986; Moslow and Tillman, 1989; Hamlin, 1992). Molluscan fossils from the marine units indicate that the Frontier was deposited during early Late Cretaceous time (Merewether and Cobban, 1983; Merewether, et al., 1984; Merewether, 1983).

The Frontier Formation ranges from several thousand feet thick near Coalville, Utah (Ryer, 1977) to less that 200 feet thick near the northern flank of the Uinta Mountains (Reeside, 1955; Merewether, et al., 1984). The dramatic thickness changes in the Frontier are related to the presence of a foredeep that allowed several thousand feet of Frontier sediments to accumulate due to increased accommodation space. In contrast, the area along the north flank of the Uinta Mountains was a positive element during Frontier deposition, where a relatively thin Frontier package is present. The thin accumulation of Frontier may be because this was an area of sediment by-pass and sediments were never deposited, or it may be the result of erosion of previously deposited sediments during subsequent periods of subaerial exposure and/or marine transgressions, common in areas of low accommodation. At outcrops along the eastern edge of the Overthrust Belt, the Frontier Formation is of Cenomanian, Turonian and early Coniacian age, and is approximately 610 m (2000 ft) thick. The Frontier in that area apparently conformably overlies the Lower Cretaceous Aspen (Mowry) Shale and is divided into the following members, in ascending order: Chalk Creek, Coalville, Allen Hollow, Oyster Ridge, and Dry Hollow (Fig. 5). At outcrops on the northern flank of the Uinta Mountains in northern Utah, the Frontier is middle and late Turonian in age, and is only about 60 m (200 ft) thick. In this area, the Frontier disconformably overlies the Lower Cretaceous Mowry Shale. Along the Moxa Arch, the upper part of the Frontier is middle Turonian to early Coniacian in age and unconformably overlies the lower part of the formation. The lower part of the Frontier Formation along the Moxa Arch is early Cenomanian at the southern end of the arch and probably Cenomanian to early Turonian at the northern end of the arch. The Frontier Formation on the Moxa Arch thickens northward from approximately 100m (328 ft) to more that 300 m (984 ft), and the formation apparently overlies the Mowry Shale. The Frontier Formation is overlain by the extensive Upper Cretaceous Hilliard Shale in all of the Greater Green River Basin.

The Frontier Formation consists primarily of sandstones, siltstones and shales that were deposited on the western flank of the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway. The sediments were deposited as several wave-dominated deltaic complexes prograded seaward during Frontier time. The Frontier deltas were sourced from the Sevier orogenic belt to the west in Utah and the Idaho Batholith to the northwest in Idaho. Sediments in the lower part of the Frontier Formation generally prograded to the east-southeast while sediments in the upper part of the Frontier (First Frontier and some of

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the Second Frontier) prograded to the east-southeast as well as to the south in the northern part of the Greater Green Basin. Figures 6 through 9 (early Frontier to late Frontier, respectively) show the positions of the Frontier shorelines as they shifted though time.

The Stratos well will target the part of the Frontier Formation known throughout the subsurface as the Second Frontier sandstone. Correlations from outcrops on the eastern edge of the Overthrust Belt into the subsurface indicate that the Second Frontier is equivalent to the Oyster Ridge and Dry Hollow members of the Frontier (Merewether and Cobban, 1983; Merewether, et al., 1984; Merewether, 1983) (Fig. 5). The Second Frontier is further subdivided in the subsurface into two benches (Fig. 10). The second bench (the older of the two benches) of the Second Frontier consists of a coarsening-upward shoreface succession of mudstone, siltstone and sandstone. It is unconformably overlain by the first bench of the Second Frontier which consists of fluvial and estuarine channel-fill sandstones and associated coastal plain mudstones and siltstones. Both sandstone benches are expected in the Stratos proposed location.

2.3 Region of Overpressure in the GGRB

The Upper Cretaceous sedimentary rocks in the GGRB are commonly overpressured, beginning at depths of 8,000 to 12,000 ft. (2438 to 3658 m) (Law and Dickinson, 1985). These rocks can have pressure gradients exceeding 0.9 psi/ft (Law and Spencer, 1091; Spencer and Law, 1981), exhibit low porosities and low permeabilities (<0.1 md), and always contain gas. The overpressured, gas-bearing rocks occur in the deeper parts of the Green River Basin, downdip from the normally pressured, gas and water-bearing rocks (Fig. 11). There is no apparent lithologic seal for the gas accumulations; the top of the overpressuring cuts across structural and stratigraphic boundaries (Fig. 12). This relationship should reduce the importance of conventional structural and stratigraphic trapping configurations within the zone of overpressuring.

Overpressuring in the Green River Basin was first recognized by Rathbun (1968) and Rathbun and Dickey (1969). Their study was confined to the northern part of the Green River Basin, and they concluded that the overpressuring was caused by tectonism. Later work by Law et al. (1979, 1980), McPeek (1981), Law (1984), Law and Dickinson (1985), Law et al. (1986), Spencer, 1987, and Law et al. (1989) attributed the origin of the anomalously high pressures to the accumulation of gas in low permeability reservoirs, at rates greater than it is lost. The position of the top of the overpressuring in the GGRB is related to the level of thermal maturity, organic richness of the gas source rocks, and present-day temperature (Law, 1984). The top of overpressuring occurs at an uncorrected bottom hole temperature of approximately 180 F. (82 C) and a vitrinite reflectance of around 0.8% (ranges from 0.74 to 0.94%). An organic carbon content of at least 0.5% is required to be considered a favorable source for economic hydrocarbon accumulations. The average organic carbon content for Cretaceous Mesaverde through Tertiary Fort Union sediments is 2.04%. The Cretaceous Baxter Shale overlies the Frontier Formation and exhibits total organic carbon content ranging from 0.2% to 2.71%. The Cretaceous Mowry Shale underlies the Frontier Formation, and its total organic carbon content ranges from 1.5% to 2.5%. Thermal maturity maps have been prepared for the GGRB by Pawlewicz et al. (1986) and Merewether et al. (1987), and show the Cretaceous and lower Tertiary rocks to be thermally mature throughout most of the basin.

The proposed Stratos well is located well within the zone in which the Frontier Formation is overpressured. The Frontier Formation is overlain by the Baxter Shale is and underlain by the Mowry Formation, both of which are considered two favorable source bed units. Bottom hole temperatures in the two closest offsets to the Stratos location (the ERG Blue Rim Federal 1-30 and the ERG Blue Rim Federal 1-31) ranged from 270 to 295 F. The Frontier Formation typically exhibits permeabilities of less than 0.1 millidarcy, and it has been classified as a tight gas sand throughout this part of the Green River Basin. Both of the Blue Rim wells tested significant amounts of gas and no water from perforations in the Second Frontier. All of these factors make the Frontier Formation a prime candidate for testing new technologies in a potentially basin-wide, unconventional gas accumulation within a low permeability reservoir.

2.4 Natural fracturing

Regional fracture orientations were obtained through numerous measurements taken from Frontier outcrops that surround the Green River Basin. The locations of the outcrops are shown on Figure 13 and include outcrops from the Oyster Ridge in the Wyoming/Utah Overthrust Belt, the north flank of the Uinta Mountains near Manila, Utah, and Frontier outcrops near Sinclair, Wyoming. The most prominent fracture orientations from the Frontier Formation along the Oyster Ridge outcrop are east, eastnortheast, and north; the east-trending fractures are the most numerous. There is more variability in fracture orientations from the north flank of the Uinta Mountains, and there seem to be several common fracture orientations. These include east (75-95 degrees), southeast (110-120 degrees), and northeast (35-55 degrees). There are also scattered north to northeast-trending fractures along the outcrop. Measurements from the east flank of the Greater Green River Basin (Sinclair, WY) are predominantly south-southeast (334 degrees) and east-northeast (70 degrees).

Fracture trends and patterns from the Oyster Ridge outcrop along the eastern margin of the Overthrust Belt were considered to be most analogous to the fracture patterns predicted for the Stratos location for several reasons. The Oyster Ridge outcrop is approximately 50 miles west of the proposed Stratos location and is therefore the closest outcrop to the proposed location. Fractures are known to behave differently between units with differing rock properties, and therefore it is more accurate to compare fractures between rocks with similar lithologic characteristics. The Oyster Ridge and Dry Hollow members of the Frontier are the units that make up the resistant Oyster Ridge Hogback topographic feature, and these two members of the Frontier are equivalent to the Second Frontier sandstones targeted in the Stratos well. Therefore, natural fractures with east, east-northeast, and north-south trends, the most prominent trends in the Oyster Ridge Overthrust outcrop, are predicted for the Second Frontier target in the Stratos well. Fracture orientations derived from other deep basin wells (some previously drilled and one well currently being drilled) will also be analyzed and incorporated into the predictions for the natural fractures in the proposed location. The dominant trend of regional lineaments in the area is to the northeast, and the Stratos well will be deviated to the north north-west in hopes of crossing fractures oriented southwest to northeast.

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3. Stratos site selection

3.1 Summary of previously drilled wells in the deep Green River Basin

The study area included in analysis of the Stratos wellsite selection encompasses primarily the deep Green River Basin between the Rock Springs Uplift and the Moxa Arch. However, data from many wells along the crests of both the Moxa Arch and Rock Springs Uplift were incorporated into the study and aided in the interpretation of sequence stratigraphy, depositional architecture and facies analysis, diagenesis, and reservoir characterization of the Frontier Formation. The study focuses on the twentythree deep wells that were drilled between the two uplifts (includes Townships 14 North to 25 North and Ranges 104 West to 109 West). These twenty-three wells represent every Frontier penetration in that geographic area. Table 1 summarizes the drilling histories, hydrocarbon shows, production tests, actual production, and Frontier marine and fluvial net pay values for each of these deep wells. Electric logs for the Frontier section of each of the wells are provided in Appendix 1.

The net pay values were calculated by Union Pacific Resources personnel and are based on the following log parameters. Net pay was defined as any part of the Frontier sandstones that exhibited 6% or greater porosity, 60% or less water saturation, and 40% or less Vshale. The vast majority of the porosity values were calculated from sonic logs while the remainder were calculated from density logs. Water saturations were also calculated from sonic logs, and values for Vshale were calculated from the gamma ray curves. Once the net feet of pay for each well that penetrated the Frontier was calculated, regional and site-specific isopach maps for net feet of pay in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Frontier marine sandstones, as well as the Second Frontier fluvial sandstone, were constructed (Figs. 28 through 31).

Core analyses from several deep basin wells confirm the fact that the Frontier typically exhibits permeabilities of less than 0.1 millidarcy. For example, horizontal unstressed permeabilities in the Second Frontier fluvial sandstone of the ERG Blue Rim 1-30 (Sec. 30-T22N-R106W) range from less than 0.01 md. to 0.18 md., with an average of 0.05 md. Twenty-seven out of forty-four marine sandstone samples from the Blue Rim 1-30 exhibited permeabilities of less than 0.01 md. The highest permeability value measured for the marine sandstone in this well was 0.09, with the majority of the samples having much lower permeabilities. Despite these low permeability values, this well tested 1.3 MMCFD from the Second Frontier sandstones during a pre-acid, pre-frac. production test. This relatively high flow rate from these very low permeability rocks probably reflects the presence of natural fractures in the Second Frontier reservoir. The Frontier sandstones in the Stratos well are expected to be similar in reservoir quality to the Frontier in the two Blue Rim wells, and as discussed above, should also be naturally fractured.

The specific location of the Stratos site was determined after careful examination of all of the data that the previously drilled wells provided. The proposed site is considered to be optimal for several reasons, one of which being its proximity to two significant production tests from the Second Frontier. The Stratos well will be drilled in close proximity to two relatively recent Frontier wells (the ERG Blue Rim Federal #1-30 and #31-1, Sections 30 and 31 of T22N-R106W, drilled in the late 1970's). These two wells had the best production tests out of the Frontier sandstones of any of the deep basin wells. Both of these wells tested gas at rates of over one million cubic feet of gas per day, and one well (the #1-31) actually produced and sold gas to a pipeline at monthly average rates in excess of 500 MCFD. The well had a cumulative production of 145.5 MMCF after nineteen months out of the Second Frontier sandstones. This production was established in a well with a hydraulic fracture treatment considered to be well below optimal and relatively ineffective when compared to current stimulation technology.

3.2 Detailed geological and geophysical analysis of the Stratos Site

3.2.1 Seismic description and interpretation

The seismic coverage for the area of interest is shown in figure 14 and extends from the west flank of the Rock Springs Uplift to the Moxa Arch, encompassing 170 townships. There are several hundred seismic lines of various vintages, sources, and shooting geometries. Seismic acquisition represented on the base map dates back to 1966 and includes data acquired through 1992. The dominant source is dynamite, although several lines have been acquired with vibroseis. The far offset for these lines ranges from as little as six to a high of sixty, while most are on the order of 12 fold. The majority of seismic lines have been reprocessed in the last five years. The key line across the Stratos prospect is also shown on figure 14 as Line A-A'. It is line GRB1A and was acquired in 1991 for First Seismic.

Several synthetics and a VSP from wells that penetrated the Frontier were used to establish phase and formation ties to the seismic data. The synthetic shown in figure 15 is taken from the ERG Blue Rim #31-1 well in Sec. 31-T22N-R106W. Three formation tops were chosen to carry across the basin: a Tertiary coal marker, the Mesaverde, and the Frontier. The Tertiary coal is 15-25 ft. thick and is below the tuning thickness of approximately 60 ft. thick. Therefore, the thin-bed response of the coal appears as a 90 degree phase wavelet with a leading trough. Since this coal marker exists everywhere in the area of interest, it is a very good indicator of the phase of the seismic data. This seismic marker was also used to calculate relative bulk shifts between seismic lines. The synthetic projects onto line GRB1A (Fig.16) at shotpoint 940 from 300 ft. to the southwest. This is approximately 1 1/4 miles from the Stratos location. The checkshot acquired from a VSP shot in the UPRC Mountaineer #1 well in Sec. 35-T21N-R106W was applied to the synthetic, resulting in a reasonably good tie.

The resulting time structure map of the Frontier is shown in figure 17. The south plunging anticline of the Moxa Arch is evident to the west while the west flank of the Rock Springs Uplift is evident to the east. The Stratos Unit (red outline on Figure 17) is shown to be almost in the center of the south plunging syncline between the bounding structures to the east and west. The Stratos location is shown as it projects onto line GRB1A in figure 16 from 200 ft. to the northeast. This seismic line shows the relative position of the Stratos location to the west flank of the Rock Springs Uplift.

The velocity gradient map shown in figure 18 was derived using the available subsurface data and the interpreted seismic data. There is considerable control over the Moxa Arch while the subsurface control is sparse over the balance of deep Green River Basin. This velocity map was used to convert the time structure map in figure 17 to depth. The resulting depth structure map is shown in figure 19 and will be discussed below.

3.2.2 Structural position

The Stratos prospect is based on finding gas-charged, naturally fractured Second Frontier reservoir sandstones in an overpressured position. Wells closest to the structural axis of the Green River Basin are the deepest and exhibit reservoir temperatures that are more than adequate for natural gas generation. In fact, in deepbasin wells that tested the Frontier, the formation always gives up some gas. Where pressure data are available, all of the deep-basin Frontier wells exhibit indications of overpressuring. Many workers have postulated that the overpressuring in the deeper parts of the Greater Green River Basin is due to the continuous generation of natural gas at depth, and its migration into the low-permeability sandstone reservoirs at rates greater than the rate at which the gas can leak out of the reservoir (Law et al. 1979, 1980; McPeek, 1981; Law, 1984; Law and Dickinson, 1985; Law et al., 1986; Spencer, 1987; Law et al., 1989). Data from the two Blue Rim wells, both of which are located less than one mile from the proposed location, indicate that the Frontier is overpressured and is gas-productive. The two Blue Rim wells are situated near the structural axis of the Green River Basin (Fig. 19), and rest on a structural saddle within the basin known to operators as the Blue Rim Arch. The structural position of the Frontier Formation at the proposed Stratos site (proposed subsea elevation = -9280 ft.) will be similar to the two Blue Rim wells, and the Second Frontier at Stratos should therefore exhibit abnormally high reservoir pressures and produce gas.

Even though the deep-basin Frontier Formation can contain tens of feet of porosity greater that 8%, the presence of open natural fractures is expected to further improve reservoir permeability. Enhancement of any regional, through-going natural fractures by more local fractures would be ideal for the prospect. The regional set of natural

fractures in the sandstone reservoirs expected in the Stratos well may certainly be enhanced by local fracturing developed as a result of deformation associated with the Blue Rim Arch (Fig. 19).

3.2.3 Depositional Setting of the Frontier sandstones at the Stratos Location

The Frontier Formation of southwest Wyoming consists of mudstones, sandstones, siltstones and thin coals that were deposited as fluvial systems fed wave-dominated delta along the western margin of the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway. Regional studies of the Frontier Formation indicate that the marine units of the Frontier Formation consist of shallowing-upward successions of sediments, beginning with offshore marine mudstones that grade up into lower shoreface and upper shoreface sandstones. (Cobban and Reeside, 1952; Reeside, 1955; Hale, 1962; DeChadenades, 1975; Ryer, 1977; Myers, 1977; Merewether, 1983; Merewether and Cobban, 1983; Merewether, et al., 1984; Winn et al., 1984; Moslow and Tillman, 1986; Moslow and Tillman, 1989; Hamlin, 1992). Foreshore sediments are rarely preserved because they have been planed off by subsequent transgressions.

Along the Moxa Arch, fluvial sediments unconformably overlie the marine units of both the Second and Third Frontier sandstone members. Depending on the location of the well, the fluvial channels can scour into upper shoreface or more rarely preserved foreshore deposits, or they can completely remove all of the shoreface sandstones, resulting in fluvial deposits sitting directly on top of marine mudstones of the offshore transition.

Based on careful electric log correlations and calibrations to over 100 cores and extensive outcrop descriptions, the unconformities at the bases of the fluvial units can be traced across the entire Greater Green River Basin. Based on ammonite ages, several million years may be missing at these surfaces (Cobban and Reeside, 1952; Reeside, 1955; Merewether, 1983; Merewether and Cobban, 1983; Merewether, et al., 1984;). Integrated basin analysis incorporating biostratigraphic data, the depth of fluvial scour into and through previously deposited shoreface successions, and the areal extent of fluvial scour which can be traced regionally over 200 miles, the fluvial erosion surface is interpreted to represent a sequence boundary or regional unconformity.

Over 100 Frontier cores from the Moxa Arch, the Rock Springs Uplift, and the deep basin have been described and calibrated to electric log responses to allow for regional correlation of depositional packages. Five cores were particularly useful in tying the Frontier Formation at the proposed location to the regional depositional setting of the Frontier. The detailed core descriptions of the Energy Reserves Group #1-30 Blue Rim Federal (Sec. 30-T22N-R106W), the American Hunter Faraway #1 (Sec. 17-T25N-R108W), and the American Hunter A-1 Enterprise (Sec. 30-T25N-R107W), the Davis Oil Dines #1 (Sec. 7-T20N-R105W), and the Davis Oil Dines #2 (Sec. 18-T20N- R105W) are shown in figures 20 through 24. The Energy Reserves Group #1-30 Blue Rim is located only one-half mile to the south of the proposed Stratos location, and therefore the Frontier encountered in that core should be very similar to what is discovered at Stratos. In the #1-30 Blue Rim well, the fluvial section is composed of sharp-based, fine to medium-grained sandstone that is trough cross-stratified (Fig. 20). The ten foot thick sandstone contains abundant mudstone laminations as well as several soft-sediment deformation structures. No burrows were observed, and there were abundant mudstone rip-up clasts at the base of the sandstone. The sandstone contains several internal scours with abundant mudstone rip-up clasts. This sandstone body is interpreted to be a fluvial channel deposit. This channel sandstone is overlain by approximately eight feet of interbedded mudstone and fine to very fine-grained sandstone. Mudstone clasts are still common, but burrowing is also present. This unit is interpreted to represent a marine-influenced fluvial deposit (estuarine).

The marine section in the #1-30 Blue Rim well is composed of several coarsening and sanding-upwards shoreface successions. Only the upper two of these were cored, and the uppermost succession is the primary marine target of the Stratos well. The reservoir within the marine section consists of approximately twenty-eight feet of very fine to fine-grained bioturbated sandstone with some minor mudstone laminae. Mudstone content decreases upward, and the sandstone becomes cleaner and coarsergrained. Burrowers that were still distinct enough to be identified include *Ophiomorpha* and *Planolites*. This sandstone is interpreted to represent deposition within the lower shoreface of wave-dominated delta/shoreline complex.

After calibration of the core depositional lithofacies to their corresponding electric log responses, it is apparent that the marine and fluvial lithofacies can be distinguished on logs (See Appendix 1 for the ERG Blue Rim #1-30 composite log). The core depths are approximately four feet high to log depths, and with that depth correction in mind, the contact between the fluvial section and the marine section occurs at 16,078 feet in the core. Note the funnel-shaped curves characteristic of the coarsening and sanding-upward shoreface successions below the contact. Note that the fluvial section exhibits a bell-shaped electric log response, indicating that the fluvial sediments in this well generally fine upward.

Reginal stratigraphic analysis through cross-sections

Calibration of many cores to their corresponding electric logs facilitated the stratigraphic correlation of the deep-basin Frontier Formation lithofacies over a large area. This regional stratigraphic analysis of the Frontier Formation was performed to determine the most likely occurrence of widespread reservoir sandstone, and to understand the mechanisms controlling sand distribution. Several regional stratigraphic cross-sections were generated by Union Pacific personnel in order to tie the Frontier expected at the proposed location into the regional depositional setting of the Frontier and to establish the sequence stratigraphic relationships of the major units within the Frontier Formation. Three of those cross-sections are included in this report and are shown in figures 25, 26, and 27.

The methodology used for this stratigraphic analysis is that of Van Wagoner (1993); key stratigraphic surfaces are identified from outcrop and core data and then calibrated to subsurface log data for regional correlation of these surfaces. Although the available well data is sparse, reasonable extrapolations could be made because of the availability of cores in critical wells, as well as extensive data bases along the Moxa Arch and Rock Springs Uplift which bracket the study area.

Unconformities: This work documents at least two regionally extensive unconformities, or sequence boundaries, which can be traced over much or all of the study area. Each of these surfaces places incisive fluvial channels and flood-plain/overbank deposits on top of open marine mudstone and nearshore deposits. In areas with less accommodation (generally in the southern part of the study area), the sediment between these surfaces is truncated, and the unconformities merge into a master surface which divides the overlying fluvial rocks of the Dry Hollow/Upper bench Second Frontier from the underlying, pre-Oyster Ridge/Lower bench Second Frontier or older deposits.

Lowstand Shorelines: In the southern part of the study area, it is possible that the lower unconformity locally feeds a lowstand shoreline, prior to truncation by the upper (Dry Hollow) unconformity; see cross section B-B' (Massacre 11-5,3-26, and Currant Creek wells) (Fig. 26). Further to the south and east this deposit is largely truncated beneath the Dry Hollow Unconformity. No lowstand shoreline is observed for the Dry Hollow unconformity within the study area, although outcrops east of Sinclair, Wyoming can be used to document that the Dry Hollow fluvially-sourced conglomerates have been transgressively reworked into a marine deposit. This may indicate that the lowstand shoreline equivalent to the Dry Hollow unconformity and associated fluvial deposits occurs east of this point.

Highstand Shorelines: The areal extent of the Second bench and Third bench shorelines is shown in each of the cross sections. For the most part, the vast percentage of reservoir-quality sandstone resides within the lower (marine) bench of the Second Frontier/Oyster Ridge Member. Sandstone thickness and reservoir quality generally decrease from north to south. This is a proximal to distal trend, and is also a function of erosional truncation in areas of low accommodation to the south. The shoreline trends appear to rotate across the study area. In the southwest part of the study area the shorelines appear to be oriented north-northeast to south-southwest, but rotate in the northern and eastern parts of the study area to become east-west, and finally trend northwest to southeast in the eastern and southeastern part of the study area.

Anomalously Thick Fluvial Sections: Deeply incised and sandstone-filled fluvial sections exist in the east central part of the study area, just west of the Rock Springs Uplift. The White Mountain 1-C-19 well (Sec. 19-T19N-R105W) and cross section

B-B' (Poitevent Federal and Sue Federal wells) (Fig. 26) document this unusually thick fluvial succession which fully truncates the underlying marine sandstone and may have been a major sand transport conduit out of the study area.

Isopach maps

Based on detailed core descriptions, subsequent calibration to electric logs, and log correlation of the Frontier Formation from the Moxa Arch, the western flank of the Rock Springs Uplift, and the intervening deep Green River Basin, a series of isopach maps of net feet of pay were constructed for the Second Frontier fluvial sandstones as well as for any sandstone encountered in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Frontier marine benches. These isopach maps cover an area that includes the Moxa Arch, the Rock Springs Uplift, and the deep Green River Basin in between (Figs. 28 and 29).

The fluvial isopach map is shown in figure 28 and shows the net feet of pay encountered within the Second Frontier fluvial interval. As previously discussed, net pay was defined as sandstone that exhibited 6% or greater porosity, 60% or less water saturation, and 40% or less Vshale. The vast majority of the porosity values were calculated from sonic logs while the remainder were calculated from density logs. Water saturations were also calculated from sonic logs, and values for Vshale were calculated from the gamma ray curves.

The fluvial isopach map is somewhat difficult to interpret because there appears to be some thickness of fluvial sand almost everywhere. Some of this is a function of the sparse drilling in the deep basin, and some of it is actually representative of the Frontier fluvial section. Where drilling is closely spaced on the Moxa Arch and Rock Springs Uplfit, the well control indicates considerable variability in the thickness of the fluvial sandstones. The unconformity, or sequence boundary, at the base of the Second Frontier fluvial section, can be traced over all of the mapped area and even one hundred miles to the east of the mapped area. In almost all wells in the study area, there is fluvial sandstone sitting on top of the sequence boundary. The Second Frontier fluvial system apparently was deposited as an irregular sheet of wandering river channels, perhaps due to very low accommodation space during the lowstand. In areas where there is more closely spaced well control, such as the Moxa Arch and the Rock Springs Uplift, correlations of channels within the Second Frontier yield a transport direction of east to southeast. These trends are consistent with paleocurrent measurements taken from outcrops of the Dry Hollow member of the Frontier (equivalent to the subsurface Second Frontier) along the Oyster Ridge at the eastern edge of the Overthrust Belt.

The marine isopach map (Fig. 19) does not differentiate between the different benches of the Frontier Formation. The map shows total thickness of net feet of pay for the entire Frontier Formation and includes not only the Second Frontier, but the First, Third and Fourth Frontier marine sandstones as well. However, the map does illustrate the gross overall trends of the Frontier shorelines. Paleocurrent measurements from outcrops along the Overthrust Belt and the north flank of the Uintas indicate northsouth to northeast-southwest-trending shorelines. Detailed correlation of individual shoreface successions along the Moxa Arch also indicate approximately north-south or northeast-southwest trends for the Frontier shorelines along almost the length of the Moxa Arch. However, as discussed above, the trends of the shorelines begin to shift around to an east-west trend on the northern part of the Moxa Arch. In fact the shorelines appear to wrap around what is now the deep Green River Basin (Fig. 29). This indicates that the present-day deep Green River Basin was also an embayment of some sort during the time that some of the Frontier shorelines were being deposited. This is also illustrated on the regional maps of McGookey, et al., 1972 (Figs. 6 through 9).

Based on integration of detailed core descriptions, calibration of core to logs, log correlation, and mapping, the Stratos proposed location should encounter significant thicknesses of both the fluvial and the marine sandstone reservoirs (Figs. 30 and 31). Specifically, the Frontier at the Stratos proposed location is predicted to find 15-20 feet of fluvial sandstone with 6% or greater porosity and approximately 15 feet of marine sandstone with 6% or greater porosity.

3.2.4 Petrography and Diagenesis of the Frontier sandstones

Frontier sandstones in the Green River Basin have undergone a complex diagenetic history, with the diagenesis being related primarily to original framework grain composition, depositional processes affecting the sandstones, and burial history. Several workers have documented the petrography and diagenesis of the Frontier Formation on the Moxa Arch (Stonecipher, et al., 1984; Winn, et al., 1984; Dutton, 1993), and those readers interested in a more detailed discussion are referred to those studies. Petrographic analyses of the deep-basin Frontier have also been performed at Union Pacific Resources Co., and the results indicate that the deep-basin Frontier sandstones possess similar original framework grain compositions as, and have similar diagenetic histories to, the Frontier sandstones on the Moxa Arch.

The Frontier sandstones on the Moxa Arch are litharenites to sublitharenites and have an average composition of 64% quartz, 6% feldspar, and 30% rock fragments; however, these values vary with original depositional setting and stratigraphic position of the sandstone (Dutton, 1993). For example, fluvial sandstones on the Moxa Arch contain less quartz than do the marine sandstones. The marine sandstones are more quartzose because of better sorting and winnowing occurring in the shoreface environment (Stonecipher, 1984). Fluvial sandstones on the Moxa Arch have an average framework-grain composition of 59% quartz, 6% feldspar, and 36% rock fragments while shoreface sandstones have an average composition of 66% quartz, 5% feldspar, and 29% rock fragments (Dutton, 1993). The feldspar present in Frontier samples is almost exclusively plagioclase; potassium feldspar occurs only rarely. Feldspar content was also greater when the sands were deposited than it is now. Some feldspar has been partially to completely dissolved, while other feldspar has been replaced by calcite cement.

The most common lithic grains in the Frontier sandstones are sedimentary rock fragments. Chert is the most important of these sedimentary rock fragments, but chalcedony, sandstone, and mudstone fragments are also common. Metamorphic rock fragments, most typically slightly metamorphosed sandstones and mudstones, are common in some samples. Volcanic rock fragments can also be common in some samples.

Authigenic clay, quartz, calcite and other cements are common in Frontier sandstones. Dutton's study on the Moxa Arch (1993) reported that these components make up between 0 and 38% of the sandstone volume in the Frontier. The most common authigenic clays in the Moxa Arch Frontier samples and in the deep basin Frontier samples are mixed-layer illite-smectite and illite.

Based on detailed petrographic analysis, the relative sequence of events in the diagenesis of Frontier sandstones on the Moxa Arch is 1) mechanical compaction of grains, including deformation of ductile grains, 2) formation of illite and mixed-layer illite-smectite rims, 3) precipitation of quartz overgrowths, 4) precipitation of pore-filling and grain-replacing calcite cement, 5) dissolution of feldspar, chert, mica, mudstone grains, and calcite cement, 6) precipitation of kaolinite in primary and secondary pores, and 7) pressure solution and stylolitization and additional precipitation of quartz cement (Dutton, 1993). There is some overlap between events as well as some variability in certain samples. For example, a few samples contain very early calcite cement which predates quartz overgrowths. The diagenetic history of the deep basin Frontier is similar to that of the Moxa Arch, except that kaolinite and smectite are absent from the deep-basin samples. The clays in the deep-basin Frontier samples are almost exclusively illite and illite mixed-layer clay.

Porosity in the Frontier Formation is a combination of primary intergranular porosity and secondary porosity generated by the dissolution of feldspars, cherts, mudstone grains, and calcite cement. The two factors most detrimental to porosity in Frontier sandstones are quartz overgrowths and authigenic clays. There is a slight increase in quartz cement content with depth, but there is still significant secondary porosity that has been preserved in most of the deep-basin Frontier wells.

3.3 Selection of the Stratos site

The location for the Stratos well was determined by Union Pacific geotechnical personnel after careful integration of all available data, including electric logs, cores, production tests, pressure data, and seismic data. The location was based primarily on

the probability of favorable reservoir sandstone thickness, the location's proximity to two offset wells with known Frontier gas production and good reservoir quality, and structural position within the zone of overpressured Frontier. Although the probability of encountering overpressured gas in the proposed well is high, the risks of this project involve finding adequate reservoir quality and implementing a successful stimulation technology.

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Figure 1. Index map of major oil and gas fields in the Greater Green River Basin, Wyoming with respect to the location of the proposed Stratos wellsite in Sweetwater County.



Figure 2. Index maps of the Greater Green River Basin and surrounding uplifts; (A) index map showing the names of the structural features within the Greater Green River Basin; (B) structure map of the Greater Green River Basin (from Law, et al., 1989).



Figure 3. Geographic extent of the Cretaceous Interior Seaway with Green River Basin highlighted.



Figure 4. Isopach map of Upper Cretaceous sediments, southwest Wyoming and eastern Utah (from McGookey, 1972)






Figures 6 through 9. Series of isopach maps showing the evolution of Frontier shorelines through time (modified from McGookey, 1972)



Figure 10. Schematic vertical profile of the Second Frontier Formation near the proposed Stratos location, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.



Figure 11. Region of overpressuring in the Greater Green River Basin, Wyoming (modified from Law, et al., 1989)



Figure 12. Structural cross-sections across the Green River Basin showing how the top of the overpressuring cuts across stratigraphic boundaries (modified from Law, et al., 1989). Location of cross-sections is shown in figure 11.



Figure 13. Index map showing the location of Frontier outcrops from which measurements of natural fractures were taken.



Figure 14. Seismic coverage index map, Greater Green River Basin, Wyoming. The locations of seismic line A-A' and the Stratos Federal Unit are highlighted.

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Figure 15. Synthetic from the ERG Blue Rim #31-1, Sec. 31-T22N-R106W, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.







Figure 17. Time structure map on top of the Frontier Formation, Greater Green River Basin.



Figure 18. Velocity gradient map, Greater Green River Basin.

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Figure 19. Depth structure map on top of the Frontier Formation showing the distribution of normally pressured, marginally overpressured (transition zone), and overpressured Frontier rocks.



Figure 20. Core description for the ERG Blue Rim Federal #1-30, Sec. 30-T22N-R106W

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Figure 21. Core description for the American Hunter Faraway #1, Sec. 17-T25N-R108W

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R107W. Figure 22. Core description for the American Hunter #A-1 Enterprise, Sec. 30-T25N-

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Figure 23. Core description for the Davis Oil Dines Unit #1, Sec. 7-T20N-R105W

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Figure 24. Core description for the Davis Oil Dines Unit #2, Sec. 18-T20N-R105W.





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Frontier Fm Stratigraphic Cross Section B - B[,]

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Figure 26. North - South stratigraphic cross-section of the Frontier Formation. Location of cross-section shown on Figure 19.

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Frontier Fm. Stratigraphic Cross Section C - C'

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Figure 27. West - East stratigraphic cross-section of the Frontier Formation. Location of cross-section shown on Figure 19.

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Figure 28. Regional isopach map of net feet of pay in the Second Frontier fluvial interval. Contour interval = 5 ft.



Figure 29. Regional isopach map of net feet of pay in the Second Frontier marine interval. Contour interval. = 10 ft.

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Figure 30. Local isopach map of net feet of pay in the Second Frontier fluvial interval at the Stratos proposed location (shown as star). Contour interval = 10 ft.


Figure 31. Local isopach map of net feet of pay in the Second Frontier marine interval at the Stratos proposed location (shown as star). Contour interval = 5 ft.

Table 1. Summary of Deep Green River Basin Wells

	Well Name	Location	Spud Date	<u>Completion</u> Date	Frontier DST's and Drilling Shows	Frontier Production Tests	<u>Net Pay</u> Upper fluvial -	<u>Net Pay</u> Lower fluxial	<u>Totai Net F</u> Filmal	Pay Net Pay Marine belov unconformity	Net Pay Brown marine sand	<u>Net Pay</u> Aqua marine sand	<u>Net Pay</u> <u>Red marine</u> sand	Total Net Pa Marine sand	y 1
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					BHT 284 F @19,254	,									
	Davis Oil Silver Dollar #1	Sec. 11-T15N- R105W	01/20/78	04/21/78 P & A	10 10 min. GTS in 17 min. at 121 MCF; ISI 20 min.	None .		5	12	17	9.5	0	0	0	9.5
	is not located within the zone of overpressure.				FO 60 mm. GTS immediately at 121 MCF; decr. to 1 # in 25 min. and remained steady; FSI 240 min. rec										
					570' GCM; SIP 2119-2180										
50	Husky #4-32-A Firehole	Sec. 32-T16N R105W	09/23/79	10/30/79 P&A	10,885-10,969 - rec. 500' WC; 277' MCW; NGTS; ISIP - 648 #; FSIP 686 #; BHT - 172 tried 2 more DST's, but they failed	None		2	11	13	2.5	0	0	0	2.5
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	Mountain Fuel Firehole #1	Sec. 12-T16N- R106W	05/13/61	07/27/61 P&A	25 unit gas increase; good yellow fluorescence and good yellow cut; black and brown staining	OHT #10; 10,444-68 -rec. 30'M; SIBPH 120-80 psi OHT #1; 10,474 to 506' -rec. 95'M; 452-288 psi	S								
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	Cities Service Rock Springs #1	Sec. 7-T17N- R105W	08/29/55	02/18/56 P & A	None reported BHT 145 F @ 9317'	None									
	Davis Oil Little Miller Canyon #1	Sec. 21-17N- R105W			None reported BHT 157 F @ 8429'	None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Husky Husky- CPC 11-5	Sec. 5-T17N- R107W	01/10/78	08/14/78 TA	faint fluor. and weak cut; 15722 to 30' - 120 unit gas show; 15,755 to 65' - 217 unit gas show	None		5.5	14	19.5	0	0	0	0	0
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FSI - rec 3000' GCWC; DP ful of gas; FSIP - 3420 psi; BHT - 240	15,706-806 packers failed, puckers failed, puckers failed, puckers failed, second fluid in BPH 2500 MCL wr & 4500 MCL wr & 4500 MCL wr & 4500 MCL wr & 4500 MCL wr bottom BHT 258 F @ 16,352		14,469-557 - (O 3 min with weak to v. weak blow, [S] 60 min p9 40 min. with no blow and packers failed, nec. 5000 with custion & 6267" Mi, top of mud and Mi, top of mud and Mi, top of mud and Mi, top of mud and	None	gas increase of 370 urits; needed 10.6 # mud weigh to kii gas out of Frontier	BHT 220 F @ 15,772	cared Frantier 700 unit gas Imorease over 100 unit back. ground BHT 218 F @ 15,487'		
×	08/15/79 TA		P & A	6/25/80 P & A	Dakota gas		5/16/79		
	Criginal well spud 8/30/77 - 19 8/30' Re-entry spud on 9/1/78		09/16/7.1		12/08/77		04/17/78		
	Sec.26-117N- R108W		sec. 19-718N- R105W	Sec. 29-T19N- R105W	Sec. 28-119N- R106W		RticeW		
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					7/8/79 - 118 MCFD on 24 hour test									
Davis Oil Dagger Federal #1	Sec. 2-T19N- R107W	09/18/81	01/13/82 P & A	240 unit back- ground gas with 1 to 2 foot flare through Frontier	None		0	O	O	0	10	0	0	10
				BHT 185 F @ 12,657	7'									
Davis Oil Dines Unit#1	Sec. 7-T20N- R105W	04/23/77	01/11/82 P&A	cored Frontier up to 600 unit gas increase BHT 213 F @ 14274	perfed Frontier on 4/28/78 - 2.3 MMCF for 3 hrs, started loading up and died		0	4.5	4.5	1	1.5	0,	0,	
				6	Acidized (5/3/78) - 100 MCFD									
					5/5/78-248 MCFD; acidized (5/17/78) - swabbed back acid then squeezed perfs									
					5/3-/78 Acidized Kf no report of flows									
					11/1/78-1/12/79 - brought in workover rig, acidzed flowed 13 MCFD									
Davis Oil Dines Unit #2	Sec. 18-T20N- R105W	04/12/78	Frontier gas `6/16/79	cored Frontier 100-300 unit increase while	perfed Kf - break- bown - flowed ~578 MCFD		0	15	15	1 ?	?		2	3
				drilling and coring Kf	frac'ed Kf IP 652 MCFD	۰.								
Battoon Evel	See 11 TOOM	100704	7/40/75	BHT 190 F @ 14,439)' 7/9/79									
5-11 Federal	R105W	10/27/94	(/18//5	and Paleozoics	None	м., . 	1	3	4	3	0	0	0	3
ERG Blue Rim Federal 1-30	Sec. 30-T22N- R106W	03/06/82	11/10/89 P & A	cored Frontier BHT 295 F @ 16,968	. perfed Frontier - 1.316 MMCF - acid- ized then frac'ed but rumerous downhole problems		10.5	6.5	17	11.5	0	0	0	11.5
ERG Blue Rim Federal 1-31	Sec. 31-T22N- R106W	Re-entered to deepen well - 2/17/78	12/12/78 - Frontier gas	BHT 270 F @ 16,846	5' 11/26/78 - perfed Kf - flowed ~110 MCFD;		3	5	8	2	0	0	0	2
			12/1/87 P&A		Breakdown Kf - flowed 817 MCFD									
					frac'ed - flowed 1.797 MMCFD									
					8/83 - T/A until gas marketing estab- lished									
					1/15/86 - first sales to WNG pipeline									

11/7/87 Amoco assumed operator

procedure to state 12/1/87 P & A PTF 100 MCFD from 15,088-15,149', frac'ed Frontier with SWFR-316000 gals 579000 lbs sand DST 15,143-237' r. 9000' WB, 90' 12/4/74 7/25/75 -0 8.5 8.5 Frontier gas F, 9000 WB, 90 GCM, 90' GCW IO 15 m, IFP 4299, FFP 4299; FO 1 hr. 40 m. -IFP 4332, FFP IPF 264 MCFD, 40 BW, 24/62 ck. 24 hrs. from perfs 15,088-4299; ISIP 9597 1 h. 30 m. FSIP 9467 15,149 BHT 245 F @ 16,382'

Davis Buckhorn Unit 1	Sec. 28-T23N- R109W	5/31/76	7/18/76	None BHT 224 F @ 14,868'	None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Hunter #1 Enterprise	Sec. 30-T25N- R107W	8/2/81	4/20/82	Frontier core BHT 259 F @ 17,052'			4	6	10	0	4 ?	· ?		4
Davis Oll #1 Simpson Gulch	Sec. 31-T25N- R107W	7/30/75	8/14/77 Mesa- verde gas	None BHT 280 F @ 17,002'	None		1	2	3	0	0	4.5	0	4.5
American Hunter #1 Faraway	Sec. 17-T25N- R108W	5/27/81	10/26/81	Frontier core DST 15,205-280' - closed chamber test rec. 4000'WC, 3228' M; ISIP 6165; Misrun lost packer seat; BHT 272 F @ 16,522'	None		4	5	9	3.5	9.5	0	0	13
Davis Oil Simson Unit 1	Sec. 25-T25N- R108W	6/15/79	8/17/79 P & A	8HT 288 F @ 17,026		x .	5	3	8	0	0	0	2	2
Davis Oil #1 Eighteen Mile Unit	Sec. 14-T25N- R109W	06/13/75	08/11/75 P&A	14,391-14,485 - rec. 3825' GCWB; 75'GCM		N.,	3	0	3	12	8	5	. 0	25

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14,503-14,701 -GTS in 1 hr 30 min at 13 MCFD; rec. 4020' GCWB; 180' GCM; BHT - 284

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11/24/87 Amoco states it has no intention of P&A; will submit a workover













































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