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August 13, 2002

*Via Federal Express*

Jonathon G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Re: SEC Order No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

On behalf of Bruce A. Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation and Gregory A. Wright, Chief Financial Officer of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation, I have enclosed the duly executed certificates required by Securities and Exchange Commission Order 4-460.

To acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosed certificates, please file stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed envelope.

Very truly yours,

James C. Reed  
Executive Vice President  
General Counsel and Secretary

Enclosures

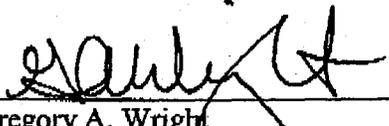
cc: Bruce A. Smith  
Gregory A. Wright

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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

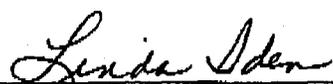
I, Gregory A. Wright, state and attest that:

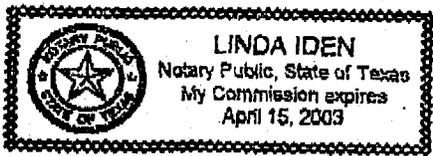
- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's Audit Committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
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 Gregory A. Wright  
 Principal Financial Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup>  
 day of August, 2002.

Date: August 13, 2002

  
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 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: 4-15-2003



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