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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, Bruce A. Smith, 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 Decmber 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.



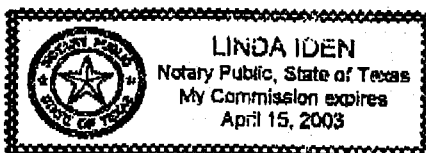
Bruce A. Smith
Principal Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th
day of August, 2002.

Date: August 13, 2002



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-15-2003



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