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IN REPLY REFER TO: SDR 2009-08, 43 CFR 3165.3

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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January 5, 2011

Paul Slayton  
 P. O. Box 2035  
 Roswell, NM 882022035

Accepted for record  
 NMOCD 3-1-2011  
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RE: Lease NMLC 069033 Featherstone #1 API: 3001505744, Featherstone #2 API:  
 3001505740, Featherstone #4 API: 3001505747

Gentlemen:

Our records indicate that Paul Slayton is the *Lessee* of record. As per 43 CFR 3160.0-5 *Lessee* means any person holding record title or owning operating rights in a lease issued or approved by the United States. Due to the lack of cooperation and failure to respond from the Operator, *Operator* is defined as any person or entity including but not limited to the lessee or operating rights owner, who has stated in writing to the authorized officer that it is responsible under the terms and conditions of the lease for the operations conducted on the leased land or a portion thereof.

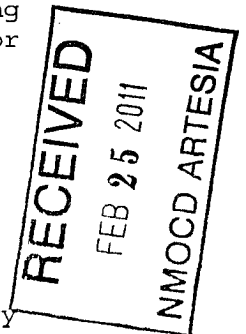
The *Lessee* of record is here by instructed to take over Operations of the above listed wells.

A recent field inspection of the above referenced wells and our records indicate that the above wells are Shut-in (SI) or Temporarily Abandoned (TA). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Minerals Management Service (MMS) definition of a shut-in well is a completion that is physically and mechanically capable of production in paying quantities or capable of service use. The definition of a temporarily abandoned well is a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service completion. According to our records the wells referenced above has been shut-in for 6 months or longer or has been temporarily abandoned without authorization. 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (C) requires that wells incapable of production in paying quantities be promptly plugged and abandoned and requires approval for any well temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days.

Therefore you are required to do one of the following.

1. Return the wells to production or beneficial use.
2. Submit notice of intent to plug and abandon.

If you decide to return the well to production, submit a Sundry Notice (form 3160-5, original and 5 copies) of intent within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Include the date you anticipated the well being placed back in service. 43 CFR 3162.4-1(c) also requires you to notify the Authorized officer,



not later than the fifth business day after production is resumed for any well which has been off production for more than 90 days, the date on which such production was resumed. Notification may be by letter or Sundry Notice, or orally followed by letter or Sundry Notice.

If the well is to be used for beneficial purposes, submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, original and 5 copies) within 30 days of receipt of this letter and include information concerning future use. A brief description of your proposed plans and economic feasibility and an anticipated date for placing the well in beneficial use will suffice. Beneficial use includes, but is not limited to, recompletion to other horizons, conversion to injection for secondary or enhanced recovery, and salt-water disposal or injection.

If you decide to plug and abandon the well, submit a Sundry Notice (form 3160-5, original and 5 copies) within 30 days of receipt of this letter and describe the proposed plugging program.

At this time the wells are not considered orphan and will not be considered for plugging under the Orphan Well Program.

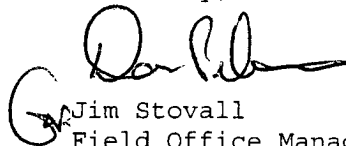
These production tanks have been previously sealed per Federal Authority. Please contact this office Jerry Blakley 575-361-0112 or 575-234-5994 to arrange removal and resealing with your company seals.

Under provisions of 43 CFR 3165.3, you may request a State Director Review (SDR) of the orders described above. Such a request including supporting documents must be filed in writing within 20 business days of receipt of this notice and must be filed with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Such request shall not result in a suspension of the order unless the reviewing official so determines. Procedures governing appeals from instructions, orders, or decisions are contained in 43 CFR 3165.4 and 43 CFR Part 4.

For monitoring and tracking purposes, please submit appropriate paperwork to this office Attention: Jerry Blakley.

If you have any questions, contact Jerry Blakley (575) 234-5994.

Sincerely,



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Field Office Manager  
Carlsbad Field Office

cc. Bureau Of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office  
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