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ARTESIA, OFFICE

Delta Drilling Company
P. O. Box 2012
Tyler, Texas 75710

Attention: Mr. Carl E. Haskett

Re: Culobra Bluff Unit Well
No. 1, Eddy County, New
Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 11, 1978, wherein you have requested an additional period of time after July 26, 1978, in which to produce the subject well prior to milling it and completing the well in a conventional manner.

After blowing out, the well was brought under control and has been producing into the pipe line through the annulus between the intermediate casing and the drill pipe since January 26, 1978. The Oil Conservation Division authorized this method of production for a period not to exceed six months in order to draw the reservoir pressure down to a point where the well can be safely milled and worked on. The six-month period expires July 26 and it is our understanding that some additional production will be necessary to bring the reservoir pressure down to a safe level for conducting the above operations.

Delta Drilling Company is, therefore, hereby authorized to produce the subject well in its present state until September 15, 1978.

Very truly yours,

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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cc: 12000 Artesia
USCS Artesia
Mr. Bob Manning, El Paso Natural Gas
Well File