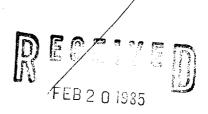
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February 12, 1985

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Caller Service 4104 Farmington, New Mexico 87499

RE: Jeffrey-Federal #30-41
Sec. 30, T17N, R9W
McKinley County, New Mexico
3100 (016), NM-15843-A
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Dear Sir:

In response to your request regarding proposed plans for the above captioned well, Dakota Resources, Inc. respectfully requests an extension of its temporary abandonment status until March 1, 1986.

Dakota Resources, Inc. has recently completed a gas gathering, compression, dehydration and transportation system in Sections 28 and 29, T17N, R9W. As with most projects of this nature we have been ironing out the mechanical and logistical "bugs" and have recently added the second well to the system. Due to the high BTU value of this gas (1250 BTU average), Public Service Company of New Mexico formally, Gas Company of New Mexico (purchaser) has restricted sales to avoid increasing the BTU content of the gas stream and putting them in violation of their contract with certain communities downstream. Negotiations and economic analysis studies are progressing to possibly install a mechanical refrigeration unit to extract natural gas liquids and lower BTU value. Upon correction of all operating and volume problems Dakota Resources, Inc. anticipates hook up of the above captioned well in late summer or early fall 1985.

Presently Dakota Resources, Inc. is preparing a recommendation to its working interest partners to drill a well in the SEAROVED Sec. 30, T17N, R9W. The proposed spud date is third quarter AS AMENDED AS AMENDED

Temporary Abundoment approved until October 1) 1985, at which time any developments and/or plans are due to this office

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We trust that you will find our request in order and that the extension will be granted.

If I can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,

DAKOTA RESOURCES, INC.

D. M. Erickson Operations Manager

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