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State of New Mexico Energy & Minerals Department Oil & Gas Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87501

Gentlemen:

Please consider this our request for a Forced Pool hearing covering a proposed Pictured Cliff formation gas well to be drilled in the SW/4 of Section 27, T24N, R2W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. As the attached plat indicates, we control the oil and gas operating rights on all the quarter section with the exception of the SW 40 acre tract, which is owned by Paul and Marie Brown of Lindrith, New Mexico (with a mailing address of Regina, New Mexico).

We request that we be named to drill the proposed Pictured Cliff gas well with the pooling of interest to cover from the surface of the ground to the base of the Pictured Cliff formation. Paul and Marie Brown have refused to lease to us and we request that we be allowed to recover the drilling, completing and operating costs attributable to this tract with a penalty factor of 200%.

In order that we may drill this well before winter, we request the hearing be set as soon as possible. The U.S.G.S. has requested the well be drilled as the NW 40 acre tract has U.S.A. minerals and there is presently a Pictured Cliff formation gas well located as a direct offset to the North, namely the NW/4 Section 27, T24M, R2W.

Yours truly,

MERRION & BAYLESS

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Enclosure (1)

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