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Mr. Randy Nez
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Gentlemen:

Re: Request To Stake For Oil and Gas Tests

Mr. Randy Nez, Realty Assistant of B.I.A., and Marathon's representative, Mr. Eric Nelson, met on June 23, 1976, at 10:30 a.m., to discuss a preliminary environmental review prior to the actual surveying and staking of location for Marathon Oil Company's proposed Pictured Cliffs gas well, Jicarilla Apache #18, Section 28, T26N, R5W, Unit I. Also present were Mr. D. Smith, Marathon's Contract Pumper, and Mr. E. V. Echohawk, registered land surveyor.

Mr. Nez requested that the reserve pit be completely fenced prior to any drilling on the location. Mr. Nelson agreed that a four foot sheep fence with one strand of barbwire on top would be installed around the reserve pit. Mr. Nez stated that he saw no other conflicts and that Marathon Oil Company has his permission to survey and stake the location for their proposed well. An existing road will be used for access to the location. Mr. Echohawk proceeded to survey and stake the location (1,450' FSL and 790' FEL of Section 28) for Marathon. There was no disturbance to the surface lands or vegetation during the surveying operation.

Yours very truly,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Paul F. Johnson'.

Paul F. Johnson
District Operations Manager

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