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December 11, 1986

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT **FARMINGTON RESOURCE AREA**

Bureau of Land Management Caller Service 4104 Farmington, NM 87499

Re: Dugan Production Corp's Request for Long-term Venting Approval

Central Cha Cha Unit #7

Lease No. SF-078931 B, Unit No. 91-008561

Sec. 31, T29N, R13W, NMPM

San Juan County, NM

Gentlemen:

Dugan Production Corp. hereby requests approval for the long-term venting of a minor amount of casinghead gas produced from the captioned well, which was completed by Tenneco Oil Co. in the Cha Cha Gallup Pool on 8/3/71, from perforations between 5544' and 5548'. During the initial 24-hour production test on 8/2/71, the well produced 53 BO, 46 BW (frac water) and gas TSTM. Dugan Production acquired the well in May 1977. The most recent GOR test was the state required scheduled test of July 17, 1986. During this 24-hour actual production test, 3.36 bbls of oil, 7.54 bbls of water and 10.11 MCF of gas were produced. (A copy of NMOCD form C-116 reporting this test is attached). The well is equipped with a gas powered pumping unit and a heater treater. The casinghead gas production from the subject well is not always sufficient to maintain continuous operation of the well equipment and liquid petroleum gas has been used on occasion to supplement the natural gas production for lease fuel requirements. The daily average production for the month of October 1986 was 3.1 BOPD, 9.4 MCFD and 8 BWPD. The pumping unit and heater treater require approximately 4.9 MCFD to operate, therefore the amount of gas that will actually be vented is approximately 4.5 MCFD.

The well is located approximately 9000' from the closest gas line. EPNG and Northwest Pipeline have both indicated they have no interest in installing facilities to connect marginal and/or remote wells to their systems. The expenditure required to sell gas from the subject well cannot be justified by the minor amount of revenues that might be generated by any future gas sales. Economics in support of our position are presented on the attached Table No. 1. Based upon our experience in the area we expect production to decline at approximately 10%/year. The actual current oil price of \$13.25/bbl less 79¢/bbl trucking was used for the final quarter of this year. The 1987 price used was \$15.00/bbl less 79¢/bbl trucking.

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A \$20.00/bbl less 79¢/bbl trucking forecast was used after January 1988. We believe that these are reasonable values considering the current oil market. The gas revenue forecast includes a gas price of \$1.50/MCF which is higher than current gas prices. We are finding it increasingly more difficult to find buyers for our gas in the present gas market. Simply having gas for sale no longer guarantees the sale of the gas. Our gas sale economics assume daily delivery of gas, which, as earlier discussed, has not been the actual performance of the well.

In summary, we are asking permission to vent approximately 4.5 MCFD for an infinite period of time. Due to the remoteness of the well, poor gas market conditions and the low volumes of marketable gas produced, connecting the well for gas sales is not economically feasible at this time. Should any of these conditions change, we will re-evaluate the feasibility of selling gas from the Central Cha Cha Unit #7 at that time.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Williams

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Engineer

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Form C-116 Revised 10-1-78

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During gas-oil ratio test, each well shall be produced at a rate not exceeding the top unit allowable for the pool in which well is located by more than 25 percent. Operator is encouraged to take advantage of this 25 percent tolerance in order that well can be assigned. increased allowables when authorized by the Division.

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Rule 331 and uppropriate pool rules. Mail prigions and one copy of this report to the district office of the New Nextco Oli Convervation Division in accordance with

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Production Report Supervisor

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