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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

Case No. 7124

Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc.

San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

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Because of a dispute between the Navajo Nation and Conoco Inc., with respect to W 1/2/NW 1/4, Section 13, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, Caribou Four Corners, Inc. has requested that the Navajo Nation and Conoco agree to escrow funds generated by production allocated to Navajo lands.

Conoco has agreed to escrow said funds by a January 27, 1981 letter to the Oil Conservation Division.

Since the amounts in question involve only Conoco's interest in the above area, the Navajo Nation agrees only to allow Conoco to escrow funds pending the resolution of the dispute. Royalties due shall continue to be distributed to the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

Michael Tang, Staff Attorney Navajo Tribal Aegal Department

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cc: Caribou Four Corners 404 N 31 Street Billings, Montana 59101

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case No. 7124

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San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Conoco Inc. owns Navajo Lease 14-20-0603-6358, which covers portions of the following proration units in San Juan County, New Mexico:

## Township 29 North, Range 15 West

Section 13: W/2 NW/4 Section 13: E/2 NW/4

Caribou Four Corners, Inc. drilled and completed Kirtland No. 6 in the E/2 NW/4 and Kirtland No. 7 in the W/2 NW/4 and has requested that allowables be assigned to such wells. The validity of Conoco's above-referenced lease has been questioned and Caribou has requested that Conoco and the Navajo Tribe agree to the escrow of funds generated by sale of production allocated to the Navajo Tribal lands in each of said proration units.

This is to advise that Conoco Inc. is willing to participate in a suitable agreement to escrow funds attributable to production allocated to the Navajo lands until the validity of Conoco's lease is resolved.

Very truly yours,

Floyd E. Radloff

FER/cb

cc: Caribou Four Corners, Inc.
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