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Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attn: Ms. Ann E. Ritchie

Re: Application for Downhole Commingling State E Well No. 10 Unit Letter O, Section 17-22S-36E State E-Strawn and State E-Devonian Pools Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Ritchie:

Your application to downhole commingle the production from within the wellbore of the abovecaptioned well was received on July 25, 1997. Your application requests our approval to downhole commingle the State-E Strawn and State E-Devonian production within the wellbore of the State E Well No. 10, located in Unit Letter O, Section 17-22S-36E.

Since it appears that all the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Your \$30.00 dollar filing fee has been received ...

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If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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BY:

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