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Mr. William J. Lemay State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

> Re: Marathon 011 Company Administrative Application for Unorthodox Location Eumont (Gas) Pool Bertha Barber No. 61 1980' FSL and 660' FWL Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E

Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the attached Administrative Application from Marathon Oil Co., dated December 1, 1992 and received by Hartman December 4, 1992, requesting approval for an unorthodox location for the above-referenced well. The Bertha Barber No. 6 is to be recompleted to the Eumont (Gas) Pool and is located 1980' FSL and 660' FWL, Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E and is to be included in Marathon's existing 320-acre non-standard Eumont (Gas) proration unit consisting of the NW/4 and NW/2 SW/4 of Section 5, T-20-S, R-37-E and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 32, T-19-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico.

The location of the Bertha Barber No. 6 well (1980' FSL and 660' FWL, Section 5) is northwest of the unit boundary of Hartman's existing 280-acre non-standard Eumont (Gas) proration unit comprising the SE/4 and SE/4 SW/4 of Section 5 and the NE/4 NE/4 and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 8, T-20-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico which has our Britt Laughlin Com Nos. 1, 4 and 6 wells simultaneously dedicated to it. Although Eumont (Gas) pool rules allow for a standard location of 660' and 990' from any unit boundary for a 320-acre proration unit, the nonstandard location of the Bertha Barber No. 6 is not directly encroaching upon any of Hartman's existing wells. In light of this, we do not feel that it would be appropriate for us to object to Marathon's Application, provided that in the future, should we decide to further develop our Britt-Laughlin Com Lease, we will be afforded the same waiver to objection by Marathon.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and please let me know if you need anything further.

Very truly yours,

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