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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of January 28, 2005, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-12181, XTO Energy, Inc. is hereby granted an additional extension of time until May 1, 2005, in which to commence the drilling of the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

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cc: ✓ Case No. 13299  
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Re: Case No. 13299/Order No. R-12181; Application of XTO  
Energy Inc. for compulsory pooling, Bernalillo County,  
New Mexico

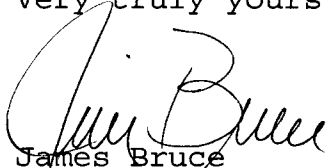
Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Order No. R-12181 required XTO to commence a well by November 1, 2004. An extension (to March 1, 2005) was granted in order to obtain approval from Bernalillo County (for several well locations) under its land use regulations. Bernalillo County approved the locations on January 25, 2005, although surface entry cannot be made under the approval for a week thereafter.

XTO plans on drilling several wells in the same general area, and the first well to be drilled (not the well which is the subject of this order) will undergo extensive testing and coring in order to determine where the various formations are located and the best way to drill the succeeding wells. As a result, XTO requests an additional extension of the well commencement deadline, to April 1 or May 1, 2005, so that the wells can be drilled in the best manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for XTO Energy Inc.