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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
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1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Case 13528

Re: Application of NorthStar Operating Company for an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of NorthStar Operating Company in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. NorthStar requests that this application be placed on the docket for the July 28, 2005 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHSTAR OPERATING
COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 13528

APPLICATION

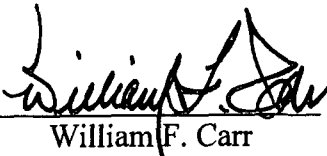
NORTHSTAR OPERATING COMPANY ("NorthStar"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order approving an unorthodox gas well location in the Devonian and Wolfcamp formations for its Fort Well No. 1 to be drilled in Unit G of Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, NorthStar states:

1. NorthStar is the operator of the W/2 NE/4of Section 8 of Township 15 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, which, in a companion application, it seeks approval to unitize with the E/2 NW/4of the section.
2. NorthStar seeks an exception to Division Rule 104.B(1) to permit it to drill its Fort Well No. 1 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Devonian formation at an unorthodox location 2100 feet from the North line and 2500 feet from the East line of said Section 15 as a wildcat well in the Wolfcamp and Devonian formations.
3. Approval of this application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, NorthStar Operating Company requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 28, 2005 and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE 13528:

Application of NorthStar Operating Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks approval of an unorthodox well location in the Wolfcamp and Devonian formations, for its Fort Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 2100 feet from the North line and 2500 feet from the East line of Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, NMPM. Said well is located approximately 15 miles east of Lovington, New Mexico.