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**OIL CONSERVATION
 DIVISION**

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
 Oil and Gas Conservation Division
 1220 South St. Francis Drive
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Examiner Hearing – August 25, 2005
 Docket No. 27-05, Case 13544.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), San Juan Public Lands Center, Durango, Colorado has Indian Trust responsibilities for Oil and Gas operations on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation. Portions of this Reservation are located in the State of New Mexico. This Trust responsibility includes the management of mineral estate on Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Lands.

In the case of Docket No. 27-05, Case 13544, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has requested that the BLM advise the Oil and Gas Conservation Division that both the Tribe and BLM support the approval of this Case. At this time, we concur with the verbal representation provided by XTO on this proposal; our final concurrence will be dependent on a final review of the technical documentation they will be presenting at hearing.

If you have any questions concerning this letter of concurrence, please contact Mr. Dan Rabinowitz of this office at 970-385-1363 or daniel_rabinowitz@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Helen Mary Johnson

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 Minerals Supervisor

cc: UMU Tribal Energy

