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Subject: **Well Proposal OXY Checker State #2**  
Section 8, T19S-R29E, Turkey Track (Canyon), Eddy County, NM

Gentlemen:

By letter dated November 27, 2006 Bold Energy LP ("Bold") proposed the drilling of the Oxy Checker State #2 in the subject location. To date, OXY USA WTP LP ("Oxy") has not consented to the proposed well, and the time for a consent election has now passed. We have communicated with you concerning this proposal, but your most recent facsimile (12-27-06 at 1:50 pm attached) indicates Oxy does not accept Bold's right to make this well proposal. Oxy refers to the Letter Agreement dated March 27, 1997 (the "1997 LA") between Oxy, Broad Street Financial, and Threshold Development Company to which Bold is the successor.

Bold firmly disagrees with your reading of the 1997 LA and the Operating Agreement appended thereto. The 1997 LA was simply an agreement that allowed Oxy to drill wells and earn assignments of interests in sections 8 and 9. Oxy's right to propose wells and proceed under this 1997 LA was obviously exclusive during such drilling and earning period. However, the time period set out in the 1997 LA for Oxy to drill wells and earn assignments has expired. The Test Wells and the Option Wells drilled by Oxy have paid out, and reassignment of ownership rights have been made to Bold. Bold and Oxy now own their respective rights, and the JOA appended to the 1997 LA governs our respective ownership rights. There is no language in the 1997 LA to suggest any perpetual relinquishment of the rights to propose and drill wells. In fact, all language suggesting Oxy would exclusively propose wells refers to the Test Wells or any Option Wells.

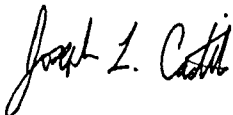
Furthermore, Bold makes no claim to any carried or after-payout interest in either the subject proposed well or any other wells that Bold may propose in Sections 8 and 9 as Bold correctly recognizes that these provisions of the 1997 LA are no longer applicable. Logic would dictate that Oxy would consider the full meaning of Article 8 which clearly states that the rights set out in the 1997 LA would expire following a 180 day cessation of drilling activity. Therefore, Oxy's position concerning the 1997 LA is untenable, and an attempt by Oxy to prevent Bold from developing its perceived value in these sections would be unlawful.

Bold intends to proceed with the drilling of the subject well. Since Oxy is non-consent, Bold will operate the well and proceed with the permitting process. A report notice and request for waiver for a permit will follow under separate cover.

Bold hopes to resolve this matter through an open exchange with Oxy's management as it is only our intent to maximize the value of our assets. Therefore, Bold would be open to a meeting with Oxy management to discuss the efficient and prudent development of the remaining reserves in these sections, and to work together toward that end. However, Bold will not postpone its efforts to drill the subject well.

Please advise Peggy Kerr at the above number if and when a meeting with Oxy management may be arranged.

Sincerely for Bold Energy,



Joseph Castillo  
President

Oil Conservation Commission  
Case No. 4  
Exhibit No. 4