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Attention: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

Re: Case No. 7894

Gentlemen:

On behalf of our client, Petro-Lewis Corporation, we respectfully request that the above-referenced case be dismissed or at least continued indefinitely, in order that our client can comply with the mandate that the Earnhardt Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 35, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, Rio Arriba County, be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. my understanding that there are no records on file with the Division nor are we able to locate any records in our own files, after diligent search, with respect to how the well was plugged and abandoned or indeed the exact date that it was plugged and abandoned. We have correspondence in our file which indicates the well was disconnected from the El Paso system in 1969, and a field check of the well indicates that it has been capped.

This well initially was drilled by Dyna Ray Oil and Gas Company, Inc. which merged into Trans Delta, and in 1980 our client, Petro-Lewis, bought all the stock of Trans Delta.

It is our client's intention to remove the cap of the well and re-enter it and would respectfully request a reasonable time in which to make necessary preparations for assertaining the status of the well and doing whatever remedial work is necessary. We would expect to advise the Aztec office of the Division of the dates that this work will be scheduled so that a representative of the Division can be apprised of our actions and have the opportunity to inspect if necessary. Please advise me as to the appropriate person to contact.

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Naturally, if there are any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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