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Mr. William J. LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Prorated Gas Allowable for October, 1995 through March, 1996 Period Jalmat Gas Pool Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay,

Marathon Oil Company operates seven active wells in the Jalmat Gas Pool. Although we will not present testimony at the August 3, 1995 hearing, we would like to express our position regarding the proposed gas allowable for the Jalmat Gas Pool.

Marathon Oil Company supports the proposed acreage allocation factor of 18,300 MCF per month. We believe this will permit equitable sharing between the owners in the gas pool based on the present production capacity of the producers in the pool. This allowable will protect the current income of those operators who have made investments to obtain production increases.

Sincerely yours,

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T. N. Tipton

Engineering Manager Midland Operations