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UMC Petroleum Corporation

March 13, 1996

VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION 505/827-5741 and VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS 8991075995

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Attention: Division Director

RE: Application for Unorthodox Gas Well Location

Read & Stevens, Inc.

990' FSL and 1,980' FWL of Section 26 Township 15 South, Range 27 East

Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

By letter dated February 23, 1996, Read & Stevens, Inc. advised UMC Petroleum Corporation of the captioned unorthodox well location application. Please be advised that UMC Petroleum Corporation presently operates a Morrow gas well, immediately south of this proposed location, located in the NW14 of Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 27 East and hereby objects to this proposed location by Read & Stevens, Inc.

Sincerely,

UMC PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Joseph F. Fawful

Joseph F. Gavlick Regional Landman

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Read & Stevens, Inc. xc:

Attention: Mr. John C. Maxey, Jr.

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