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NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MOC EXHIBIT 6

CASE NO. 11723

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Without acknowledging any propriety to your purported proposal of February 26, 1997 to drill a well to a total depth of 10,650 feet at the location 2,080 feet from the South line and 750 feet from the West line of Irregular Section 1, T21S, R25E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, be advised that Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") declines and refuses to participate in the cost and risk of drilling a well at the specified location purportedly proposed by you.

Without commenting specifically on the various arguments and assertions stated in your letter of February 26, 1997, Mewbourne notes its substantial disagreement with your statements.

Be advised further that Mewbourne reserves the right to deny the efficacy of Fasken Land and Mineral, Ltd.'s materially qualified and non-conforming purported election to participate in the cost and risk of drilling Mewbourne's Catclaw Draw "1", Federal Well No. 1 at the location of 2,310 feet from the East line and 660 feet from the South line of said Irregular Section 1, particularly in view of your persistent efforts to prevent the drilling of Mewbourne's well.

Mewbourne reserves all other rights, claims and actions it may have with respect to any party or parties in connection with Mewbourne's Catclaw Draw "1" Federal Well No. 1.

Sincerely,

MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY



Steve Cobb
District Landman