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DENVER-LAND DEPT.

UMC Petroleum Corporation
410 17th Street, Suite 1400
Denver, Colorado 80202

ATTN: Laura Smith

Re: Dorami "33" Federal Com. #1 Well
800' FWL and 1,800' FSL
Section 33, T-19-S, R-25-E
Eddy County, New Mexico
Dorami 97 Prospect

Gentlemen:

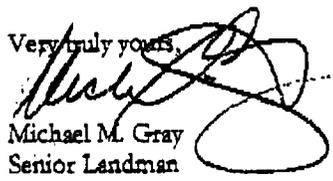
Nearburg Producing Company has drilled the captioned well to the Morrow formation at 9,510'. The well was originally permitted to the Cisco Canyon which appears to be non-commercial, and then deepened to the Morrow formation. Nearburg proposes to form a unit consisting of the S/2 of Section 33, T-19-S, R-25-E and to complete our well in the Morrow formation. This location is an unorthodox location for the Cemetery Morrow Pool. UMC appears in the county records to be a diagonal offset owner to this location in the N/2 of Section 32, T-19-S, R-25-E.

We request that UMC waive any objections it may have to the completion of the captioned well in the Morrow formation as an unorthodox location in the S/2 of Section 33, T-19-S, R-25-E.

We have scheduled a hearing for January 8, 1998 before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. A notice of this hearing has been sent to your Houston office.

If you are willing to grant a waiver of any objection you may have to our proposed unorthodox location described above, please signify your waiver by executing and returning one (1) copy of this letter to the letterhead address. Thank you for considering our request.

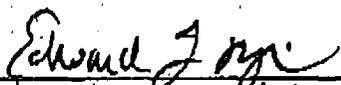
Very truly yours,


Michael M. Gray
Senior Landman

MMG/dw

AGREED THIS 5th day of January, 1998.

UMC PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: 
Its: Vice President BA Land JB S

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Case No. 11903 Exhibit No. 4
Submitted By:
Nearburg Exploration Co.
Hearing Date: January 8, 1998