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July 7, 1998

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Attn.: Mike Stogner

RE: Protest
Unorthodox gas well location
Mescalero "19" Fed. Well #1
1650 FSL & 990 FWL
Lea County, NM

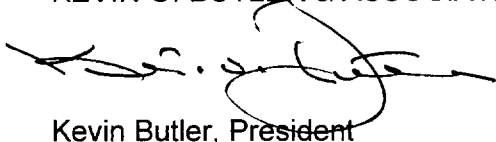
Case 12025

Dear Mr. Stogner:

This letter is to serve as our formal protest to the location of the above-mentioned well. This well offsets the Laguna Deep Federal Unit of which we are a working interest partner. If you need further information, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

KEVIN O. BUTLER & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Kevin Butler, President

cc: James Bruce

