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Via Fax

Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 12171 (West Lovington Strawn Unit expansion)

Dear Mike:

You requested a proposed unitization order by July 20th. I have forwarded a draft order to the parties of record. I have only received Energen's comments to date. Bill Carr has been out of the office for the past several days, and I understand that he and Tom Kellahin will be out of the office virtually all of next week. In addition, I must be in Carlsbad on Monday - Thursday (July 19-22). As a result, I ask for an extension of time, until Monday, July 26th, to submit the order to you and allow all parties to submit exceptions to the order. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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cc: counsel of record