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**Re: Request for Extension to Implement Waterflood
NMOCD Order R-11375
NMOCD Cases 12272, 12331, and 12332
West Teas Unit Waterflood Project
Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Catanach:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc., the operator for Chesapeake Energy Corporation, we are requested a one (1) year extension of the date for actual injection into the referenced West Teas Unit Waterflood Project. If granted, the new injection deadline would be one or before March 18, 2003.

Order R-11375 (page 10, paragraph (18) originally requires injection by May 18, 2001. Falcon Creek Resources then transferred operations to Sapient Energy Corp. to receive an extension by letter dated January 25, 2001 which resulting in a new commenced date of May 18, 2002.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation has recently acquired Sapient Energy Corp. and needed additional time to commence this project.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Attn: Lynda Townsend