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Attn: Ms. Florine Davidson

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Dear Florine:

Forwarded to you with this letter are three copies of the Application of Shahara Oil LLC for an Order (1) approving the proposed tertiary recovery project using micro-emulsion flooding for enhanced recovery of oil from the Grayburg-Jackson Premier Sand Unit in Eddy County, New Mexico, (2) approving the two unorthodox well locations described therein, and (3) qualifying the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act. A copy of the Application is forwarded to the Division's office in Artesia.

Would you please set the Application for hearing at the earliest possible date and advise me of that hearing date. Should something else be needed at this time, your advice would be most welcome.

Appreciating your courtesy to me, I am

Very truly yours,

SHAHARA OIL L.L.C.

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cc w/enc.: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

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