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April 13, 2000

CASE NO. 12449

Southwestern Energy Production Company 2350 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77032

ATTN: Mr. Samuel Glenn Thompson

Re:

Proposed 13,700' Morrow Test

Paloma Blanco "18" Fed COM #1 Well

1,980' FNL & 660' FEL

E/2 Section 18, T-23-S, R-34-E

Lea County, New Mexico

PALOMA BLANCO PROSPECT - NM0964

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to all recent correspondence between Santa Fe Snyder Corporation (Santa Fe) and Southwestern Energy Production Company (SWN) concerning the drilling of a Morrow test on the referenced lands, in particular your most recent letter dated April 6, 2000.

We at Santa Fe very much appreciate your expression of interest in participating in Santa Fe's proposed Paloma Blanco "18" Fed COM #1 well. Unfortunately your condition for participation (requiring that Santa Fe spud the well on or before June 20, 2000 or turn over operations to SWN) is unworkable in light of the diverse ownership within Section 18. We just recently received a preliminary title opinion covering the E/2 of Section 18 which showed the ownership to be much more diverse than originally indicated. While it is Santa Fe's desire to drill this prospect as soon as possible, with the mineral and leasehold ownership as diverse as it is, there are simply too many variables that could prevent spudding a well by June 20, 2000.

We hope that you will understand and look forward to receiving SWN's unconditional expression of interest in participation in the referenced well.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (915) 686-6712.

Sincerely,

SANTA FE SNYDER CORPORATION

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