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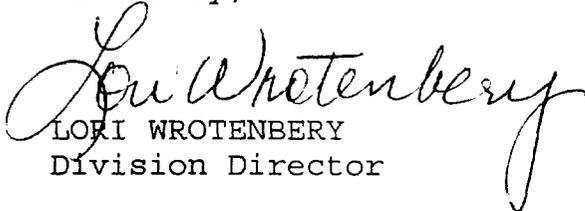
July 26, 2001

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Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of July 24, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-11525, Matador Petroleum Corporation is hereby granted an additional extension of time until December 1, 2001, in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

  
LORI WROTENBERY  
Division Director

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cc: ✓ Case No. 12573  
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July 24, 2001

**Via Facsimile**

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Request of Matador Petroleum Corporation  
for Extension of Date for Commencement of Well  
Pursuant to Compulsory Pooling Order R-11525  
Case 12573 (Laura State "13" Well No. 1)  
E/2 of Section 13, T21S, R34E, NMPM.  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Matador Petroleum Corporation ("Matador") and in accordance with the provisions of the referenced order, I am requesting a 90-day extension to December 1, 2001 in order to the commence this well and in support state:

(1) the order was entered effective January 31, 2001 and provided that this well shall be commenced on or before May 1, 2001;

(2) on April 23, 2001, Matador applied to the Division for an extension which was granted on April 23, 2001 extending the commencement date to August 1, 2001;

(3) Matador is unable to commence the well by August 1, 2001 and seeks another extension for the following reasons:

Matador currently has Patterson Drilling Company's Rig #8 under contract through the end of 2001. Due to the shortage of rigs, Matador has attempted but has been unsuccessful in contracting for another rig.

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The Patterson Rig #8 was originally scheduled to be available for Matador's use by January 15, 2001 but because of difficulties encountered with the prior operator, the rig did not become available until February 21, 2001 at which time Matador spud the Mary State "12" Com Well No 1. This was to have been a 45-day well.

However as of April 11, 2001, the bottomhole assembly became stuck, the casing parted and on May 1, 2001 the well was plugged and abandoned. Then the rig was skidded and the well was redrilled as the Mary State "12" Well 1Y with the rig being finally released on July 18, 2001. Because of the delays with the Mary State well, Matador obtained an extension for commencing the Laura State Well from April 23 to August 1, 2001.

The Patterson Rig #8 was then moved to the Vaca Draw "15" Well No 1 in order to save an expiring term assignment which would have expired on August 1, 2001. Upon completion of the Vaca Draw "15" Well No. 1, Matador plans to move the rig to spud the Laura State Well.

Therefore due to difficulties encountered by the shortage of rigs and the unforeseen drilling problems, Matador respectfully requests an additional ninety (90) day extension to December 1, 2001.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Matador Petroleum Corporation  
Attn: Mark Virant