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Re: Case No. 12594
Application of Matador
Petroleum Corporation for
Compulsory Pooling and an
Unorthodox Subsurface
Well Location, Eddy
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

I received your letter asking me to extend the time for Matador Petroleum Corporation to commence the well at issue in this case until December 1, 2001 on the grounds that failure to do so would render the existing order a nullity and delay final resolution of this matter. I also received a letter from William F. Carr, representing Chevron USA Inc., objecting to any such extension. I find that your request is supported by good cause and hereby grant the requested extension.

In accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-11589, Matador Petroleum Corporation is hereby granted an 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: William F. Carr
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