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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources Department
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
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**Re: Order No. R-11776: *Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. For Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico*
(Royal Stimulator "31" Well No. 2) (Case No. 12858)**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. hereby requests an additional 90-day extension of Order No. R-11776, which is due to expire by its own terms on December 15, 2002. The Division heard this pooling application and entered its Order without an appearance by any objecting party.

Arrington has obtained the permit from the City of Lovington referenced in its August 16th initial extension letter to the Division. However, the drilling rig Arrington proposes to use for this directional drilling project will not be available until the first quarter of 2003. Arrington therefore requests an additional 90-day extension of time to commence drilling the well through and including March 15, 2002.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Feldewert

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cc: Bill Baker, David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc.
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