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Re: MOCD Case No. 13004; Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Bureau Chief for an Order Determining the Responsible Party or Parties, Lea County,
New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

It is the view of Shell Exploration and Production Company that Paragraph 9 of the Stipulated Conditional Dismissal does not limit the Environmental Bureau from using the data obtained from Samedan Oil Corporation's investigation of the subject lands in any related proceeding. Accordingly, there should be no need to revise or eliminate Paragraph 9 from the Stipulated Conditional Dismissal.

Very truly yours,

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