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Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. 550 W. Tuxas Suite 1330 Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: C. D. Smith

Application for Unorthodox Location Rocky Top Fed Com 27 No. 1 204' FSL and 660' FWL Section 27, T-21-S, R-24-B Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Smith,

Marathon has received a copy of Santa Fe Energy's request for approval to drill a well at the above referenced unorthodox location along with a waiver request for Marathon's signature.

Marathon hereby waives all objection to this application provided all well logs and test information on the Upper Penn (Cisco and Canyon) is sent to Marathon within 25 days of acquisition.

If you are in agreement with this stipulation, please sign below and return one copy to Marathon.

Sincerely,

T. N. Tipton

Engineering Hanager

Midland Operations

Agreed and accepted this

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