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David Caranach
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505Re: Bertha J. Barber #12
Property # 27720
Pool # 96968 - Monument ; Tubb West (Gas)

Dear Mr. Caranach,

Sapient Energy Corp. would like to request a postponement of the annual shut-in pressure test that is required during July, August or September (pursuant to Division Rule No. 402) for the Bertha J. Barber #12.

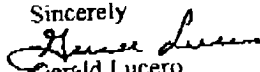
In August Sapient suspected that the Barber 12 well had developing a scale and possible sand fill problem. We moved in a rig in late August to perform a workover to alleviate the suspected problems. After determining that some of the perforations were covered with frac sand we cleaned out the wellbore and removed the sand. We next pumped 2000 gallons of scale treatment plus diverter (rock salt) in an attempt to remove the scale problem. Unfortunately the scale treatment created more problems than it corrected and the well locked up such that it was unable to sustain a flow rate into the gas sales line.

It was initially thought that the diverter may have plugged off the perforations and was not allowing the hydrocarbons to flow into the wellbore. Therefore, fifty barrels of 2% KCl water were pumped in an attempt to dissolve the diverter. This treatment was not successful in establishing production. After running acid solubility tests with the fluid swabbed from the well it was determined that acid should help dissolve the damage and enable the well to clean up. We then pumped a combination of nitrogen gas with 2000 gallons of acid into the formation. After swabbing, the well kicked off flowing again. Since that time, the flow rate of the well has improved each day. It flowed 813 mcf/d yesterday compared to 766 mcf/d on 9/18/01 and 668 mcf/d on 9/10/01. The well is still cleaning up.

Sapient believes that it would be a mistake to shut the well in as long as it is cleaning up and showing improvement. This well has proven its susceptibility to damage by the way it reacted to the first treatment. Shutting the well in now would allow the fluids and precipitates that damaged the well in the first place (and are now gradually coming out of the well as it cleans up) to remain in place and possibly create irreparable harm to the well.

We feel that we can shut the well in for a gas test in mid to late October. Your consideration in this manner is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions you can contact me at 720-685-3432.

Sincerely


Gerald Lucero
Operations Manager

CC: Chris Williams - District 1 Supervisor