NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

October 18, 1999

Chi Operating, Inc. P.O. Box 1799 Midland, Texas 79702

Attention:

John Wolf

RE:

C-142 Application for New Well Status

Cannonball "9" State Com Well No. 1, API No. 30-015-30388

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Pursuant to Division Rule 34.C.(3), the deadline for filling for the New Well Tax Incentive is within sixty (60) days of completion of the well as a producer, or by October 1, 1999 for a well commenced after January 1, 1999 and before July 1, therefore your application is hereby denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-8183.

Sincerely,

Mark Ashley

Petroleum Engineering Specialist