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**New Mexico State Land Office
Commissioner of Public Lands
Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.**

November 28, 2001

Apache Corporation
2000 Post Oak Blvd.
Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77056-4400

Attn: Ms. Frances M. Byers

Re: Application for Surface Commingling
State "9" Lease Well Nos. 1 and 2
N/2, Section 9-16S-37E
State Lease V-00339-2
Northeast Lovington -Pennsylvania Pool
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Byers:

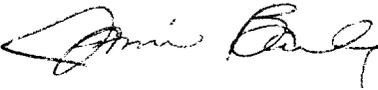
We have received a copy of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Order No. CTB-318-A which notifies this office of your application to surface commingle the production from the above-captioned well.

Pursuant to State Land Office Rule Nos. 1.053, 1.054 and 1.055, please submit a copy of your commingling request to this office. Enclosed is a copy of or commingling rules and regulations. The filing fee for a commingling application is thirty (\$30.00) dollars.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.
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BY: 

JAMI BAILEY, Director
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April 3, 2002

Apache Corporation
2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77056-4400

Attention: Ms. Frances M. Byers

Re; Amended Surface Commingling Application
NMOCD Order No. CTB-318
Homestake Royalty Lease SE/4 Sec. 10-16S-37E
State 9 Lease N/2 Sec. 9-16S-37E
Andrus 9 Lease SW/4 Sec. 9-16S-37E
N. E. Lovington Penn Pool
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Byers:

Your application of October 1, 2001 requests our approval to surface commingle the Northeast Lovington Penn pool production from the above referenced wells at the CTB-318 battery.

It is our understanding that all production will be metered separately prior to commingling.

Since it appears that all the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request is hereby approved. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

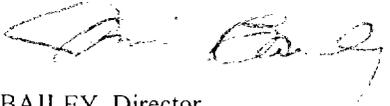
Your \$30.00 filing fee has been received.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.
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