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ARTESIA, OFFICE

Belco Petroleum Corporation 10,000 Old Katy Rd. - Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77055

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill well No. 14 James Ranch Unit in Eddy County, New Mexico, to a depth of 14,500 feet to test the Atoka formation in the oil-potash area, is hereby approved as amended by stipulations attached to the application. The surface location will be 1980 feet from the West line and 100 feet from the South line in sec. 6, with the well to be bottomed at 1980 feet from the West line and 660 feet from the North line of sec. 7, all in T. 23 S., R. 31 E., lease Nii-02887-D.

One copy of the application is returned herewith. Please notify our Artesia office, telephone number 505-746-9838, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) OFFE F. THOUSE

Gene F. Daniel
Deputy Minerals Manager
Oil and Gas

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