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June 15, 2005

Mr. Stephen Mason
Bureau of Land Management
Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, NM 87401



Dear Mr. Mason,

Reference is made to your letter of May 31, 2005, requesting justification for Elm Ridge Resources' temporary abandonment of the No. 1 South Blanco Coal 22, located 1307' FNL & 720' FEL, Section 22, T24N R8W.

Upon review of the Well Completion Report and electric log, it appears that this well was perforated and fracture stimulated in the Pictured Cliffs, as opposed to the Fruitland Coal, as originally reported. Since the personnel involved with this completion operation are no longer at Elm Ridge Resources, the explanation for this is not known.

It is our intent to review the lack of production from the existing zone, and evaluate for either re-stimulation or recompletion to the Fruitland Coal.

TA - approved until 12/31/05 to evaluate

Sincerely,

Scott H. Lindsay

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District Engineer
Elm Ridge Resources

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