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November 8, 2005

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

30-043-20727



RE: Jicarilla Contract 393 (WC)
3162.3-4 (21110)

Dear Mr. Mason,

In response to your letter of November 2, 2005, it was the original intent of Elm Ridge Exploration, LLC to plug and abandon the Martin Whittaker #52, as the Gallup-Dakota interval was non-productive. After a subsequent review of the surrounding geology for another project, it appeared that uphole potential may exist, that could not be economically recovered through a new drill. At that point, a mechanical integrity test was run, in order to allow sufficient time to properly evaluate this potential.

It is our desire not to abandon the oil and gas resources that we believe still remain accessible in this mechanically competent wellbore. At present, due to both limited rig availability and project prioritization, we do not anticipate being able to test this uphole interval for approximately 12 months. We therefore respectfully request approval to complete this work by November 8, 2006. If granted, a sundry notice reflecting our intent to recompleat will be submitted. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Lindsay
District Reservoir Engineer
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