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John Somers High Plains Petroleum, President 3860 Carlock Dr. Boulder, CO 80305

Re: Saladita State 1, M-36-18N-05W API #30-031-21067

Dear Mr. Somers

Regarding the above listed well and our phone conversation. When we received the Application for Permit to Drill it was determined to be incomplete. A bond is required to be in place before the APD is approved.

Mr. Hayden could have returned your APD as incomplete, however to expedite the process he elected to hold the APD and contact your office and advise you of the requirements to complete APD. At that time he also requested your organization to notify him when the bond was in place.

When Mr. Hayden received your voice mail he checked the APD and determined that it was complete and advised me of the situation. He tried to contact you to let you know the APD had been approved. He called several times and received a fax tone each time.

The APD has been approved and a copy can be obtained from our web site at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/emnrd/ocd/

Please be sure to notify us at least 24 hours before the well is spud.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me at 505-334-6178 ext 11.

Sincerely,

Charlie Perrin

NMOCD Aztec District Supervisor

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