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30-045-08442  
Well: Claude Smith No. 1 – Fulcher Kutz  
Pictured Cliff Location: 790' FWL,  
Section 8, T29N, R11W, NMPM,  
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear: Mr. Perrin:

Enclosed please find an original signed letter from Edwin Smith authorizing Charles Neeley, Consulting Petroleum Engineer, to act as agent for Edwin Smith, LLC with respect to an application to re-complete the Claude Smith No. 1 and for approval to downhole commingle gas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Derek Larson of this office or me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SUTIN, THAYER & BROWNE  
A Professional Corporation

By H. Denise Pisto  
H. Denise Pisto, Paralegal  
Albuquerque office

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Enclosure

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cc w/encl: Charles Neeley, Consulting Petroleum Engineer

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July 23, 2006

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Well: Claude Smith No. 1 – Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliff  
Location: 790' FSL & 790' FWL, Section 8, T29N,  
R11W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Perrin:

On behalf of Edwin Smith, LLC, I have authorized Charles Neeley, Consulting Petroleum Engineer, to act as agent for Edwin Smith, LLC, for the purpose of submitting an application to recomplete the above-referenced well in the Basin Fruitland Coal and to seek approval to downhole commingle gas from this pool with the existing gas production from the Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliff pool.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin Smith".

Edwin Smith, President

cc: Charles Neeley  
Derek V. Larson