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November 5, 1999

Mr. Errol Becher **Bureau of Land Management** 1235 La Plata Highway Farmington, NM 87401

Subject: APD Request for Extension... Chaco Wash 2

Dear Mr. Becher:

The APD for the Chaco Wash No. 2 located 2300' fnl & 1670' fel (sw ne), Section 13, T20N, R6W, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, was originally approved May 7, 1997 and approval was subsequently extended until November 7, 1999. Merrion is hereby requesting an additional one-year extension of our approval to provide time to secure a drilling partner.

As you are aware this prospect is located on a Navajo Allotted Lease and, as such, the approval process is extremely tortuous, time-consuming, and costly. Therefore, we do not wish to begin the process again.

If you wish to discuss the situation, please give George Sharpe or myself a call at 327-9801.

Sincerely.

Steven S. Dunn

Drilling & Production Manager

Cc: Well file

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