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July 3, 1997

Mr. Steve Mason
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Farmington District Office
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, N. M. 87401

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Re: West Bisti 26-13-17 #1

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Dear Mr. Mason:

This letter is to provide an update as to the results of the 60 day production test that has recently been concluded on our West Bisti 26-13-17 #1 well. At the direction of the BLM the well was completed and production tested for 60 days to show the economic viability of this well and project. A summary of the completion and production information is outlined below:

April 11, 1997	Fractured Stimulated Basin Fruitland Coals w/ 62,000 lbs. 20-40 sand.
April 17, 1997	Rig up completion rig and cleanout well.
April 21, 1997	Set production equipment to initiate dewatering of coals.
April 26, 1997	Begin production. Well producing at an initial rate of 60 BWPD with insufficient gas to run production equipment (using bottled gas).
April 30, 1997	Well producing at a rate of 40 BWPD with gas rate of 5 MCFD.
May 10, 1997	36 BWPD, 6 MCFD
May 19, 1997	30 BWPD, 9 MCFD (switch to wellhead gas)
May 30, 1997	40 BWPD, 16 MCFD

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June 10, 1997 30 BWPD, 21 MCFD

June 20, 1997 25 BWPD, 30 MCFD

June 26, 1997 25 BWPD, 33 MCFD

During the production testing the well was equipped with a hydraulic jet unit to lift the water. The unit has proven to be quite effective at initially dewatering coal wells. It however does require considerably more fuel gas to operate than a more conventional rod pump unit. During the testing period the fuel usage on the unit averages 20 MCFD. The fuel usage numbers are not reflected in the above gas rates. We find good success in initially using the jet pump to clean up the coal wells after a fracture stimulation. After a several month cleanup we historically have converted back to a rod pump for the remainder of the dewatering period. The West Bisti 17 #1, produced with a rod pump, would now be capable of producing approximately 50 MCFD.

Included as an attachment is the production data obtained on the 17 #1. I've also included several of the offset wells showing the historical incline of the gas rates, as the wells are dewatered. There is no doubt in our mind, that not only the 17 #1, but the remaining uncompleted wells in the West Bisti Program are economically viable. With the simultaneous dewatering of the remaining 320 acre Fruitland offsets, the gas incline rate of the wells in this program will be further enhanced.

Progress is being made in obtaining right-of-way approval with the Navajo Nation. As was previously reported, representatives from both Maralex and SG Interests met with Akhtar Zaman on May 20, 1997. A recommendation made by the Tribe was agreed to in principle. The process of obtaining the various Tribal agencies approval is currently being pursued. We are hopeful that right-of-way approval should be obtained in a matter of months. Construction of the required pipelines would only take several weeks after obtaining the permits.

Steve if you have questions concerning the testing of this well, please call. Based on the positive results obtained from the production testing, and the verbal agreement we have secured with the Tribe, we request that an extension of the inactive status of the wells in this program be granted. Thanks for your cooperation with this program.

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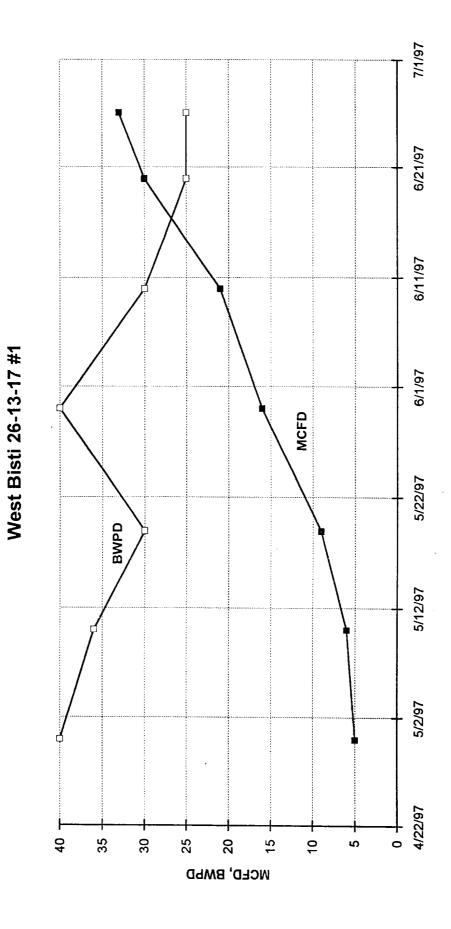
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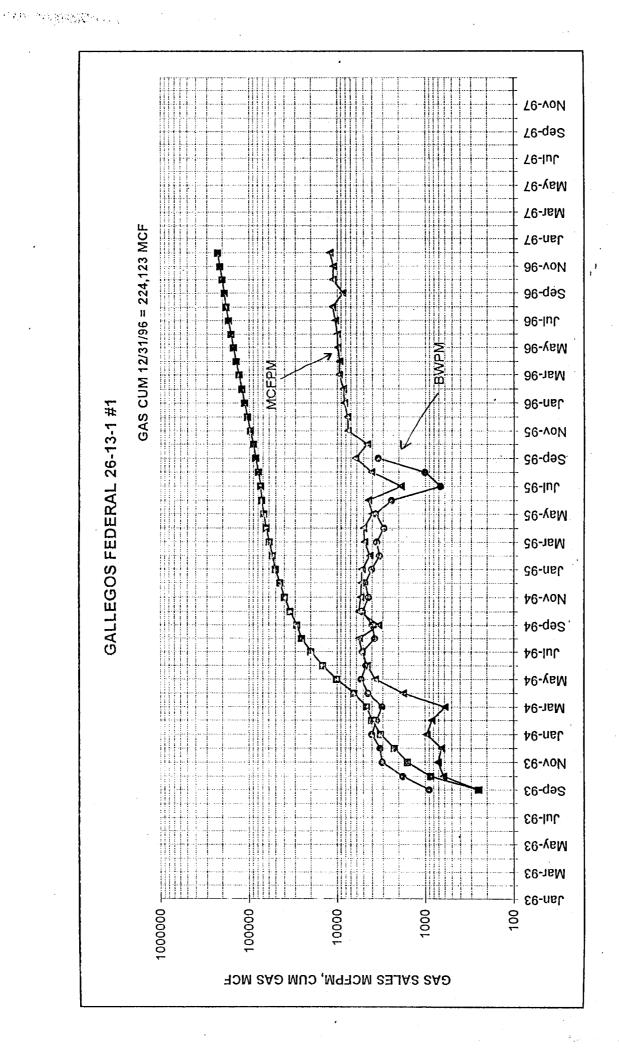
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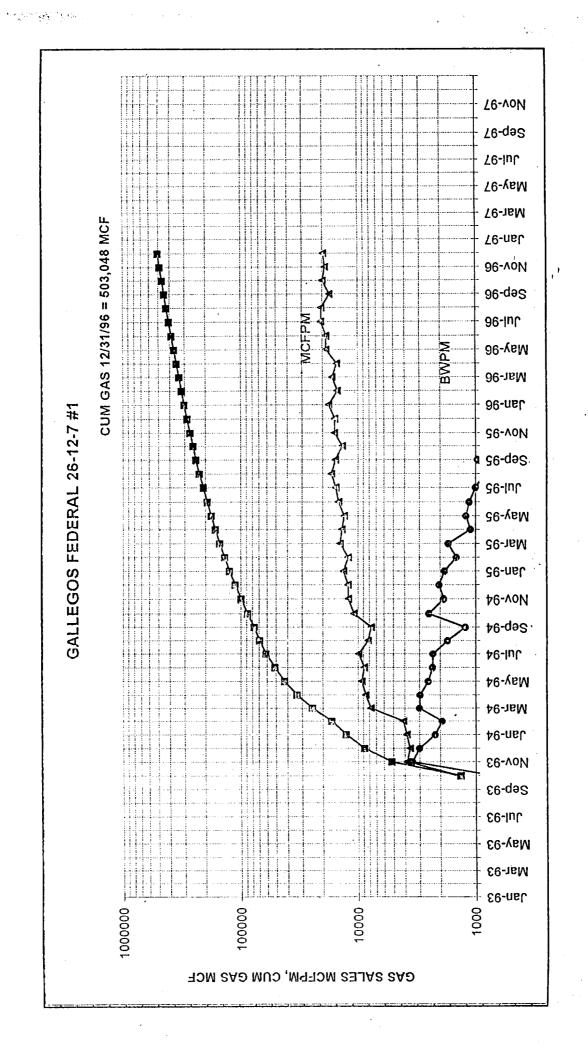
Dennis R. Reimers

Engineering Manager

Attachments







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MARALEX RESOURCES, INC.

WEST BISTI 26-13-17 #1 790'FNL; 1119' FEL SEC. 17-T26N-R13W SAN JUAN CO., NM

ATTACHMENT TO WELL COMPLETION REPORT

PERFORATING RECORD:

1443' TO 1464' Interval was perforated with 4 JSPF using a 3-1/8'' gun at 180 degree phasing.

ACID RECORD:

ACIDIZED ABOVE PERFORATIONS WITH 1,000 GALLONS 12-3 MUD ACID.

FRAC TREATMENT RECORD:

Pump 25,000 gal 70 Quality Foam Pad
Pump 9,000 gal 70 Quality Foam w/1 PPG 20-40
Pump 7,000 gal 70 Quality Foam w/2 PPG 20-40
Pump 5,000 gal 70 Quality Foam w/3 PPG 20-40
Pump 4,000 gal 70 Quality Foam w/4 PPG 20-40
Pump 1,000 gal 70 Quality Foam w/5 PPG 20-40

Pumped 62,000 lbs. sand Final sand concentration = 5.5 lb/gal. Well screened out with 5.5 PPG on perfs. Left 3500 lbs sand in wellbore. Flowback on 1/8'' choke. Total load = 364 BW; 596 MCF N2

CEMENT SQUEEZE RECORD:

Casing leak between 1108' - 1123'KB Squeezed with 25 sx Class G cement w/2%cal/2 mixed at 15.6 ppg.

Casing leak between 1328' - 1336'KB Squeezed with 30 sx Class G cement w/2%cal/2 mixed at 15.6 ppg.