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July 7, 2000

Apache Corporation
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Attn: Ms. Debra J. Anderson

Re: Downhole Commingling Application
State CK Well No. 4
Unit Letter K, Section 19-21S-37E
Paddock and Blinebry Pools
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Your application to downhole commingle the production from within the wellbore of the above-captioned well was received on July 3, 2000. Your application requests our approval to downhole commingle the Paddock and Blinebry production within the wellbore of the State CK Well No. 4 located in Unit Letter K, Section 19-21S-37E, Lea County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that production from the subject well will be allocated as follows:

<u>POOL</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	
	<u>Oil%</u>	<u>Gas%</u>
Paddock	20%	11%
Blinebry	80%	89%
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	100%	100%

Since it appears that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling the production from the above-mentioned well is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

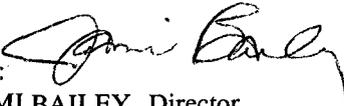
Also, please submit a copy of the Oil Conservation Division's Order approving this application.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: 
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