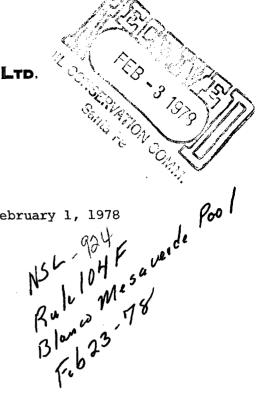
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Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

As operator of the Northeast Blanco Unit, we are requesting administrative approval for an unorthodox well location to be completed in the Mesaverde Formation.

We intend to drill the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 23A, an infill well, located 1800 F/N - 570' F/W, F-6-30N-7W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Due to topographical conditions and its relation to Navajo Lake, we can not locate the well any nearer a standard location within the W/2 of this section.

Very truly yours,

February 1, 1978

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District Manager

DL:lr Enclosure

cc: A. R. Kendrick New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico 87410

