

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 22, 2001

Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. P.O. Box 3109 Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Jason Wacker

Re: Temporary Approval to Surface Commingle Remuda Basin "31" State No. 3 Unit F, Section 31, T-23S, R-30E, Remuda Basin State No. 5 Unit D, Section 19, T-23S, R-30E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Wacker:

Pursuant to your request dated January 17, 2001, Texaco is hereby authorized to temporarily surface commingle production from the Remuda Basin "31" State No. 3 and the Remuda Basin State No. 5 at the Remuda Basin Central Tank Battery located in Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. It is our understanding that this temporary surface commingling authority will allow Texaco the opportunity to gather additional production data required to amend Division Order No. PLC-123.

During this temporary period, production shall be allocated to the subject wells based upon well tests.

This authority shall expire on March 8, 2001.

Sincerely.

David Catanach Engineer

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