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Re: Rio Blanco Devonian Prospect
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon"), is ready to move forward on this prospect immediately. However, there are two issues that must be resolved before Devon can finalize the proposed trades:

1. Devon will not agree to include any portion of Section 33 in the AMI. The purpose of the AMI is to address the acquisition of interests not held by the AMI parties on or after the date of the agreement. Since Section 33 is held entirely by Devon and Southwestern Energy, there are no outside interests to acquire.
2. Devon will not relinquish its interest in the S/2 NW/4 of Section 4 for failure to timely commence re-entry operations on the Rio Blanco "4" Federal #1 Well. By failing to timely commence operations, Devon will forfeit its right to earn interests from EGL and Landreth under the terms of the respective agreements.

Please call me at (405) 228-4415 to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Winchester
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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION EXAMINER
Case No. 13048 Exhibit No. 9
Submitted By:
Devon Energy Production Co.
Hearing Date: April 10, 2003