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Via Federal Express

Mr. Tom M. Ragsdale  
601 N. Marienfeld, Suite 300  
Midland, Texas 79701

RE: Operating Agreement  
Cockburn A State and State CD Wells  
SE/4NW/4, NW/4NE/4, SW/4NE/4, NE/4SW/4  
Section 32, T17S-R33E  
Lea County, New Mexico

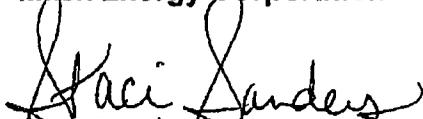
Dear Mr. Ragsdale:

By letter dated December 7, 2011, Mack Energy Corporation, as Operator, proposed an Operating Agreement (OA) covering the referenced lands, which would govern the Cockburn A State and State CD wells. On December 28, 2011, I called your office and I left a message on your cell phone to return my call so we could discuss the OA. On January 3, 2012 we had a telephone conversation regarding the fact that Mack Energy proposed the aforementioned OA, but you provided me no comments at that time. As of today's date we still have not received executed signature pages nor any comments or suggested changes to the OA.

I am writing at this time to see if we can discuss the OA and address any concerns or changes you may have and hopefully resolve the matter so we can get an OA in place. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Mack Energy Corporation**

  
Staci Sanders  
Land Department

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Oil Conservation Commission  
Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibit No. 9