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CMW Interests, Inc.
24 Smith Road, Suite 405
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Attention: Mr. Mark Wheeler

Re: Preliminary Approval
Paris Draw State Exploratory Unit Agreement
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement which you have submitted on behalf of Parallel Petroleum Corporation for the proposed Paris Draw State Exploratory Unit area, Eddy County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short-term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
 - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
 - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
 - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
 - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.
3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.

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-State Land Office Beneficiaries -

Carrie Tingley Hospital • Charitable Penal & Reform • Common Schools • Eastern NM University • Rio Grande Improvement • Miners' Hospital of NM • NM Boys School • NM Highlands University • NM Institute of Mining & Technology • New Mexico Military Institute • NM School for the Deaf • NM School for the Visually Handicapped • NM State Hospital • New Mexico State University • Northern NM Community College • Penitentiary of New Mexico • Public Buildings at Capital •

4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
5. Please submit two copies of the Unit Agreement.
6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well
8. It is our understanding that the operator will initially be drilling lay down spaced horizontal wells. Please be advised that in the event the operator drills a horizontal well that includes any uncommitted lands, the operator will then be required to submit the appropriate Communitization Agreement covering the committed and uncommitted lands to this office for approval.

The filing fee for a unit agreement is \$30.00 for every section or partial section thereof. Please submit a \$390.00 filing fee.

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

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS
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BY:
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Mr. William F. Carr