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MIDLAND PRODUCTION ORGANIZATION
LAND SERVICES

April 9, 1997

**W. B. Travis "15" State Com #1
E/2 Section 15, T18S, R28E
Eddy County, New Mexico
C# 1024832**

Mr. Tim Robertson, CPL
Marathon Oil Company
P. O. Box 552
Midland, Texas 79702

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Pursuant to your proposal to drill the captioned well, please be advised that we will seek Exxon management approval of a term assignment of Exxon's leasehold interest to Marathon insofar as said leasehold interest covers the SW/4NE/4 of Section 15, as to depths from the surface to 100 feet below the deepest producing perforations, as follows: Total bonus consideration of \$10,000.00 (\$250.00/ac.): one year primary term, 180 day continuous drilling provision requiring reassignment of unearned rights at termination: and Exxon would reserve an overriding royalty equal to the difference between existing lease burdens and 25%. Exxon would use its preferred form of assignment, a copy of which will be furnished upon your request. If these terms are acceptable to Marathon, please sign in the space provided and return a copy of this letter to me and we will proceed with requesting necessary approvals.

Sincerely,

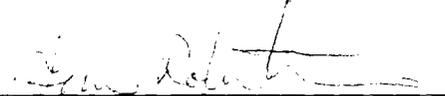


Eric K. Hanson, CPL/ESA
Contract Landman
(915) 688-7603

AGREED TO and Accepted this 10th day
of November, 1996.

April, 1997

Marathon Oil Company

By: 

Title: Adv. Landman

**BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Case No. 11775 Exhibit No. 11

Submitted By:

Marathon Oil Company

Hearing Date: May 1, 1997

