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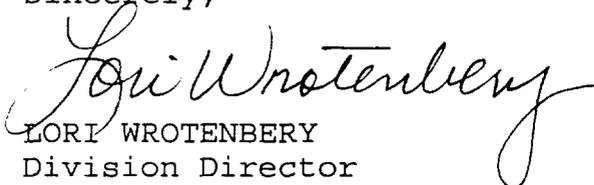
June 20, 2001

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Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of June 20, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-11550, BWB Partners I is hereby granted an extension of time until October 1, 2001, in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,


LORI WROTENBERY
Division Director

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cc: ✓ Case No. 12571
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June 20, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Request of BWB Partners I
for Extension of Date for Commencement of Well
Pursuant to Compulsory Pooling Order R-11550
Case 12571 (Byers "23" Well No. 1)
E/2 of Section 23, T20S, R35E, NMPM.
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of BWB Partners I ("BWB") and in accordance with the provisions of the referenced order (copy enclosed), I am requesting a 90-day extension to the commencement date for subject well and in support state:

- (1) the order was entered effective March 16, 2001 and provides that this well shall be commenced on or before July 1, 2001;
- (2) Currently, because of a high demand, rigs are in short supply and operators must wait a considerable period in order to secure a rig;
- (3) BWB requests an extension in order to have an additional opportunity to secure a rig to drill this well.

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Should you grant this extension, I have enclosed for your consideration a proposed letter which will authorize the requested extension. Should you decide to deny this request, I would appreciate being advised immediately so that BWB Partners I can timely file to re-instate this pooling order which will otherwise expire.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: David R. Catanach (NMOCD Hearing Examiner)
BWB Partners I
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