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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy
Minerals, and Natural Resources
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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RE: Oil Conservation Division
Case No. 12622. Application of
Nearburg Exploration Company,
L.L.C. for two non-standard gas
spacing and proration units
Lea County, New Mexico
Grama Ridge "34" State Well No. 1

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Great Western Drilling Company is a 43.75% working interest owner in the above captioned referenced gas well. As you are aware, this property has now been in a shut-in status since your order of July 27, 2001. Great Western is very concerned that the continued shut-in status of the well is going to cause significant economic harm and resource waste to all interest owners in this property for the following reasons:

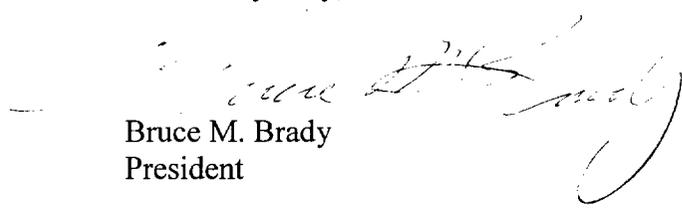
- (1) BTA Oil Producers has completed a direct offset Morrow gas well that is producing in a zone that is present in our well, but not presently perforated. This zone needs to be put on production to compete with the direct offset producing gas well;
- (2) Continued shut-in status on the well is probably causing formation damage that will not be reversible by remedial work;
- (3) The old E/2 Morrow proration unit will no longer be in existence, as the Morrow Zone in the Llano State "34" No. 1 has or will shortly be plugged and abandoned;

(4) Potential peak gas price season is here and shut-in reserves will not take advantage of this time of year.

Please immediately consider the above request to restore the well to producing status until a spacing order can be obtained.

Your consideration and expeditious handling of this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,


Bruce M. Brady
President

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