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HAND-DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re:

Case No. 12644, San Juan County, NM Application of Richardson Production Company to Reopen Order No. R-11578 for the purpose of reconsidering the charge for risk involved in drilling the subject well.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Richardson Production Company, the applicant in the above referenced matter, requests that Case No. 12644 be re-opened and placed on the docket for the May 31, 2001 Examiner hearing for the purpose of amending Order No. R-11578 to address the appropriate charge for the risk involved in the drilling the subject well.

A proposed advertisement is attached hereto.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

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Michael Stogner, Hearing Examiner cc:

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CASE 12644:

(Re-opened and Re-advertised) Application of Richardson Production Company to Reopen Order No. R-11578 for the purpose of reconsidering the charge for risk involved in drilling a well in the Twin Mounds-Fruitland Sand - Pictured Cliffs Pool. Applicant seeks an amendment to Order No. R-11578 pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in the following gas spacing and proration unit: SE/4 of Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 14 West which includes the Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said unit is dedicated to the ROPCO "8" Well No. 4 to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of said Section 8 to a depth sufficient to test the Pictured Cliffs formation. To be considered will be the appropriate charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Kirtland, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.