



**Marathon
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 552
Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone 915:682-1626

November 23, 1987

Certified Mail & Return
Receipt Requested

Mr. James A. Davidson
P. O. Box 494
Midland, Texas 79702-0494

Re: Our Lease NM-3867 - Jessie Benson #1 well
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14,
T-16-S, R-38-E, N.M.P.M.,
Our East Garrett Area
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Reference is made to your October 29, 1987, offer letter and subsequent November 3, 1987, offer to sell your 15.25 net acre interest in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T-16-S, R-38-E, Lea County, New Mexico to Marathon.

Please be advised that your offer has been evaluated by Marathon and said offer is not acceptable at this time. However, Marathon is still interested in allowing you the opportunity to participate in the Benson #1 well under the terms as outlined in our previous letter dated October 19, 1987.

Please review the above and advise this office of your decision to participate in the Benson #1 well by Monday, December 7, 1987.

Marathon appreciates your consideration in this matter and should you have any questions concerning this matter, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

Steve Daniels
Landman

SMD;mmc'

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
<u>Marathon</u>	EXHIBIT NO. <u>9</u>
CASE NO:	<u>9146</u>

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