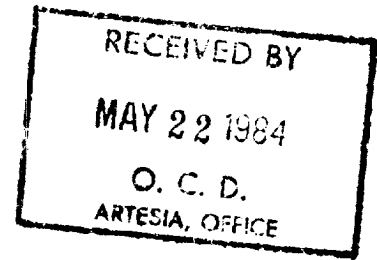


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Re: Emergency Hardship Gas
Well Classification
South Empire State Com #1
800 FSL & 1000 FWL (M)
Section 24, T-17-S, R-28-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed one copy of our request before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe to administratively classify our South Empire State Com No. 1 well, located 800 FSL & 1000 FWL Section 24, T-17-S, R-28-E, Eddy County, New Mexico as a hardship gas well.

We respectfully request emergency approval of our request for hardship gas well classification on a temporary basis not to exceed 90 days pending final action on our formal application by the OCD Director.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

DOYLE HARTMAN

Michelle Hembree

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Administrative Assistant

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Attention: Mr. Paul Burchell
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