APPLICATION FOR DRILLING

CHI OPERATING, INC.

LD "4" Federal Com., Well No. 1 660' FSL & 1980' FEL, Sec.4-T17S-R27E Eddy County, New Mexico Lease No.: NM-69163 (Exploratory Well)

In conjunction with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill subject well, Chi Operating, Inc. submits the following items of pertinent information in accordance with BLM requirements:

1. The geologic surface formation is recent Permian with quaternary alluvium and other surficial deposits.

2. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Grayburg	1050'	Cisco	7800'
Premier Sand	1400'	Morrow	8750'
Wolfcamp	6800'	T.D.	9200'

3. The estimated depths at which water, oil or gas formations are anticipated to be encountered:

Water:Surface water between 100' - 300'.Oil:Possible in the Premier Sands below 1400'.

Gas: Possible in the Morrow below 8750".

- 4. Proposed Casing Program: See Form 3160-3.
- 5. Proposed Control Equipment: See Form 3160-3 and Exhibit "E".
- 6. Mud Program: See Form 3160-3.
- 7. Auxiliary Equipment: Blowout Preventer, gas detector, Kelly cock, pit level monitor, flow sensors and stabbing valve.
- 8. Testing, Logging, and Coring Program:

Drill Stem Tests: None. Logging: 0' to 2200': GR/CNL 2200' to T.D: GR/DLL/MSFL/CNL/FDC/CAL. Coring: As required, primarily in the Premier sand.

- 9. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated. In the event abnormal pressures are encountered the proposed mud program will be modified to increase the mud weight. Estimated evacuated BHP = 3700 with a temperature of 150°.
- 10. H_2S : None expected.
- 11. Anticipated starting date: September 26, 1997. Anticipated completion of drilling operations: Approximately 30 days.