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September 28, 1998

Bryan Arrant District Geologist, NMOCD District II 811 South First Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

> Re: Surface casing requirement for ARCO's Washington "33" State #2 990 FNL and 930 FEL, Sec 33, T17S R28E Eddy Co, NM

Dear Bryan:

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Please contact me at 915-688-5355 (email: <u>dpearcy@mail.arco.com</u>) if other information is necessary. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely. Dave Pearcy Sr. Geologist

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State of New Mexico Submit 3 Copies Form C-103 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to Appropriate Revised 1-1-89 District Office OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DISTRICT I WELL API NO. P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs NM 88241-1980 2040 Pacheco St. 015-30187 DISTRICT II Santa Fe, NM 87505 5. Indicate Type of Lease P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210 FEE STATE X DISTRICT III 6. State Oil & Gas Lease No. 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410 SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS (DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A 7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.) WASHINGTON "33" STATE 1. Type of Well: OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER 2. Name of Operator 8. Well No. ARCO Permian 2 3. Address of Operator 9. Pool name or Wildcat P.O. Box 1610 Midland, TX 79702 ARTESIA; GLORIETA - YESO 4. Well Location 990 NORTH 930 EAST Α Unit Letter_ Feet From The Line and _ Feet From The _ Line 33 EDDY 17S 28E Township NMPM Section Range County 10. Elevation (Show whether DF, RKB, RT, GR, etc.) 3677 Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report, or Other Data 11.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO: SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF: PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK PLUG AND ABANDON ALTERING CASING REMEDIAL WORK X CHANGE PLANS COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. PLUG AND ABANDONMENT TEMPORARILY ABANDON CASING TEST AND CEMENT JOB PULL OR ALTER CASING X OTHER: CHANGE CASING SETTING LOC OTHER -

 Describe Proposed or Completed Operations Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work) SEE RULE 1103.

THIS SUNDRY WILL SERVE AS NOTIFICATION (ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATATION) OF A CHANGE OF PLANS REGARDING THE DEPTH THAT CASING WILL BE SET. MODIFY ORIGINALLY APPROVED PLANS TO SET SURFACE CASING @ 500' TO A NEW DEPTH OF 430'.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
SIGNATURE	TITLE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE	DATE 9/25/98		
U)		TELEPHONE NO. 915-688-5532		
(This space for State Use)				
APPROVED BY	TITLE	DATE		
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:				











AND A PARTUCULUL : VERTICAL Lease Name Lease Name : STATE API Number : 30015(Section or Equiv : SEC 30 : STATE 250000 Init Lahee Class : WF Township : S017 Final Lahee Class: WFD Range : E028 Permit Number : Spot : Elevation : 00000 () Base Meridian : NEW MEXICO (21) Geologic Province: PERMIAN BASIN Formation at TD : Oldest Age Pen : Producing Formation: ----- Additional Location Information -----Footage Location : 330FNL 330FWL SEC LN Location Narrative: Latitude : 32.81143 Latitude (Bot) Longitude : 104.22205 Longitude (Bot) : Latitude & Longitude Source: SUPERBASE ----- Initial Potential Tests -----Test Form Top Base Oil Rate Gas Rate Wtr Rte FTP BHP Ck M BHT 0001 84 420 90 BOPD Ρ (Yatos-7 Rivers) ----- Production Tests -----Test Form Top Base Oil Rate Gas Rate Wtr Rte FTP BHP Ck M BHT 0001 384 420 24 BO F 0002 384 420 16 BO F ----- Casing Data -----Size Depth Cement 7 384 Actual Bottom Hole From Surface Location ------True Vert Meas Closure N/S E/W State County Depth Depth Ft Deg Min Footage Code Code ----- Actual Bottom Hole Narrative ------I Est T/yatos ~ 240' here ABP

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August 9, 1954

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Eddy County, New Mexico

WATER LEASE

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New Mexico State Land Office Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Zane Spiegel

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 28, 1954, addressed to our Mr. George W. Lederer, requesting information regarding our Yates Lease Water Well No. 1.

We have one water well on this lease. Location of well is Southwest Corner of Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 28 East. Well was drilled in December 1928.

Although we have no log record of this water well the formation would be similar to log of the Yates Well No. 2 (oil well) which is located ten feet North of water well. Log of the Yates No. 2 through the water sand is as follows:

0	-	3	Redbed
3	-	123	Redbed and Sand
123		160	Red Rock
160	~	165	Brown Sand
165	-	175	Gravel (Water)
175	-	190	Redbed

10-3/4" casing is mudded in water well at 165 feet. There is 60 feet of $4\frac{1}{2}$ " slotted liner on bottom with canvas packer at top of liner, pumping through $2\frac{1}{2}$ " tubing.

Water well is currently pumping 150 barrels per month. Water is used for domestic purposes only, furnishing water for use at lease house.

Yours very truly,

N. M. Baird

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bcc: GWL CAS