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ARTESIA, OFFICE

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Rhonda Operating Company Attention: Mr. H. Scott Davis 511 North Main Place Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Our letter of February 8, 1980, advised that in the absence of an acceptable showing that the Federal "EA" well No. 1 in the NW4NW4 sec. 12, T. 18 S., R. 27 E., N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, lease NM-6852, is capable of producing leasehold substances in paying quantities this office would consider the lease to have terminated. Such letter also suspended our January 2, 1980, approval to drill the Federal "EA" well No. 3 in the NW4NW4 sec. 13 until it is established to the satisfaction of this office that the Federal "EA" well No. 1 is capable of producing in paying quantities.

Your letter of March 24, 1980, provides test results showing an average production of 24 barrels of oil per day for the above mentioned well during the period from March 2, 1980, through March 10, 1980. These results are considered an acceptable showing that the well is capable of producing in paying quantities.

Accordingly, our suspension of your Application for Permit to Drill the Federal "EA" well No. 3 is terminated. This letter will confirm our telephone conversation of March 10, 1980, whereby you were advised that drilling of the Federal "EA" well No. 3 could be commenced.

Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) ALBERT R. STALL

Albert R. Stall Acting District Engineer

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Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, SCR Lease File VINM.O.C.D. (2)