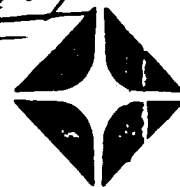


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Gentlemen:

The allotted time to commence drilling operations on our Empire Abo Unit "L" #112, "~~L~~" #101 and "N" #91 wells as approved on Form 9-331C will expire on May 23, 1977. A rotary rig will not be available by the expiration date of the Application for Permit to Drill as intended.

Please extend the commencement date of drilling operations for another three months. This should give us sufficient time to spud the above mentioned wells. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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J. D. Jones

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ARTESIA, OFFICE**

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