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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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April 14, 1997

Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 2409  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-2409

Attention: Mr. Greg D. Muse

Re: 90-Day Temporary Exception  
Rule 309-A

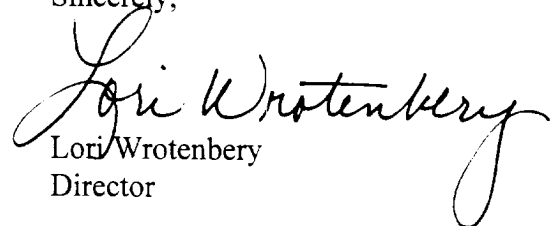
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Dear Mr. Muse:

Reference is made to your request dated February 26, 1998, for 90-day temporary authorization to meter and sell gas originating from the Buchanan "33" State Well No. 1, located in Unit I of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, at a temporary sales meter located in Unit F of Section 33. It is our understanding that such authorization will be necessary for a period of 90-days only, during which time a permanent gas gathering facility will be installed. It is further our understanding that verbal authority to temporarily meter and sell gas off-lease was given to Marathon Oil Company by Mr. Tim Gum on February 24, 1998.

Temporary 90-day authorization is hereby granted to Marathon Oil Company to meter and sell gas originating from the Buchanan "33" State Well No. 1. Gas shall be metered and sold at a location in Unit F of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 28 East. The authorization granted herein shall expire on May 24, 1998.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

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