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Chambers and Kennedy Suite 607 Midland National Bank Building Midland, Texas

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your application for administrative approval to dually complete your Monterey State Well No. 2, located in Unit D, Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Mdy County, New Mexico.

We regret to inform you that this application cannot be approved administratively, but must go to public hearing for a decision. This is mecessary for two reasons: First, our rules require that any dual completion, to be eligible for administrative approval, must be within one mile of a similar dual completion which has previously been authorized after notice and hearing, or its must be within the horizontal limits of two peels which have been approved for dual completion after notice and hearing. Your well is not within one mile of a previously authorized dual completion in the same two menes mer is it within the horizontal limits of any pool producing from the Tates or the Queen formations, the formations in which you propose to complete.

Secondly, your request for dual completion cannot be handled administratively because of the dual some pumping equipment which you propose to install. The Commission has never recognized this type of equipment as eligible for administrative approval and has in fact approved only one such application after hearing. This was the Cities Service case, which, after two hearings was finally approved on a temporary NUL CONSERVATION COMMISSION PLO BOX 171 SANGA FEINEW MERICO

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one-year basis, during which time a series of carefully controlled tests were to be made to evaluate the equipment. I might add that Cities Service found it necessary to replace the first pump se tested before the year was up and was then authorized, after a third hearing, to install a second pump under similar testing requirements. Cities Service recently removed this pump after approximately six-months service. This, according to our understanding of the matter, was necessitated by failure of the equipment to adapt itself to the conditions which were encountered in the well.

Flease advise us as to whether or not you wish us to docket your application for hearing.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER Chief Engineer

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