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Dear Mr. Stall:

Enclosed is our application for a permit to drill the following well:

Marathon Oil Company
Martinez-Federal "31" Well No. 1
1980' FNL & 1980' FWL, Sec. 31, T-19S, R-29E
Eddy County, New Mexico
Lease - NM-13237

As you will note and we discussed in January, the dedicated acreage for the well is 304.8 acres, due to this well being located on a short section. As we discussed, if this well is successful, we will apply for a proration unit of 304.8 acres.

Thank you for your assistance and advise.

Very truly yours,

Ralph M. DePauw
Production Engineer

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Enclosure