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Mrs. Corinne Grace
P. O. Box 1418
Carlsbad, New Mexico

I have at hand your request of March 16, 1973, to flare an un-
stated amount of gas for the purpose of testing a new instal-
lation of heater-treaters and to run a packer-leakage test on
your Carlsbad-Grace #1 E/2 Section 36, Township 22 South, Range
26 East.

We have recently investigated completion practices in the
Carlsbad Field area and are aware that it is sometimes necessary
to flare unusually large volumes of gas in the process of comple-
ting these formations.

We are under increasing pressure to eliminate all possible gas
flaring.

I believe you will agree that we must conserve all possible gas
because of the increasing value and scarcity, and in this instance
the proximity of the flaring to populated areas.

In this case we believe the equipment can be tested into the
pipeline and the Commission will not require the packer leakage
test until you have a pipeline connection.

I regret that it is necessary to deny this request but, as a con-
servation agency, we must do so.

Very truly yours,

ELVIS A. UTZ
Gas Engineer

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