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Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Completion  
Belco Petroleum Corporation  
Mollie #1  
Commission Order #R-5305  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, Belco has requested on several occasions extensions of time for completion of the Mollie #1, as required under Commission Order #R-5305. Our reasons, as given on the previous requests for extensions, have been based on a need for reservoir re-evaluation, and litigation caused from pipeline right-of-way condemnation action in Civil Court. It has been Belco's intention, as stated previously, to test the Mollie #1 into a pipeline connection, due to the well's proximity to a residential area in the City of Carlsbad.

The present extension of completion deadline is October 24, 1977. We have been informed, however, by the pipeline operator that litigation over the right-of-way may continue, and as such, we foresee that Belco will again be unable to adequately test and complete the Mollie #1 prior to the latest deadline extension. With due respect to regulations, and with your permission, we desire to finalize completion forms for the Mollie #1 by submitting at this time a Completion Report based on a test taken on March 18, 1977. At the time of that test it was Belco's intention, as described to the Commission, to re-evaluate and perhaps perforate zones other than those shown on the test of 3/18/77. Since Belco is still unable to proceed with finalization, and another extension of time is about to expire, we would prefer to complete this matter by submitting our completion as of March 18, 1977, rather than requesting another deadline extension.

Should we eventually find that a differing completion is anticipated we would apply for re-completion in a normal manner.