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United States Department of the Interior
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Gentlemen:

Re: Application for Permit to Drill
Little Box Canyon Unit No. 4
Eddy County, New Mexico

Cities Service Oil Company respectfully requests permission to drill the No. 4 Little Box Canyon Unit at an unorthodox location 1980' FNL and 1650' FEL of Section 12-21S-21E, Eddy County, New Mexico. The North half of the section is to be dedicated to this well.

The necessity for the unorthodox location is caused by topographical conditions. The original location (1980' FNL and 1980' FEL) fell 57' from a sheer drop off on the east side of a ravine 150' \pm deep. By moving 330' east of this point a good drill site is available. An application for administrative approval of this unorthodox location has been filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

On accordance with requirements stipulated in NTL-6 II. B., our Application for Permit to Drill and Multi-Point Surface Use and Operation Plan is hereby submitted.

I. Application for Permit to Drill

1. Form 9-331C (attached).
2. Form C-102 Location and Acreage Dedication Plat certified by John W. West, New Mexico Registered Land Surveyor No. 676 (attached).
3. The elevation above sea level of the unprepared ground is 4454.7'.
4. The geologic name of the surface is San Andres of the Permian age.

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