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December 31, 1981

Mr. Gary R. Kilpatric Montgomery & Andrews P. O. Box 2307 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Unorthodox Location Order No. R-6818

Dear Mr. Kilpatric:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 14, 1981, requesting authority for TXO Production Company to move the well authorized by Division Order No. R-6818 to be drilled at a point 2,000 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that the aforesaid location turned out to be on U.S. Highway 285 and TXO desires to move the location to a point 2,000 feet from the North line and 890 feet from the East line of said Section 18.

Inasmuch as the new location is less unorthodox than the originally approved location, TXO Production Company is hereby authorized to drill the subject well at the new location as proposed.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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cc: OCD Artesia Case File 7404