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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico 88210

> Re: Proposed Sidetracking of New Mexico 'DD' State Com. No. 1 1655' FNL, 2310' FEL, Sec. 32, T-24S, R-26E, Eddy County, New Mexico

Actention: Mr. W. A. Gressett

Gentlemen:

Texaco Inc. proposes to sidetrack the New Mexico 'DD' State Com. No. 1 as described on the attached Form C-103. A brief history of the drilling of this well will show why this sidetracking is necessary.

On June 7, 1972 this well was re-entered and sidetracked at 7880 feet with a proposed total depth of 11,550 feet. On July 25, 1972, while making a connection at 11,215 feet, the drill pipe became stuck and fishing operations began to get the stuck pipe cut of the hole so drilling operations could resume. On August 7, 1972, after limited success of the fishing operations, the fishing tools were stuck in the hole. The difficulties encountered to date in attempting to clean the hole out indicate that further attempts to clean out this hole would be unsuccessful.

Based on these facts, Texaco Inc. proposes to set a plug above the junk in the present hole (top of junk at 10,977') and sidetrack this hole to enable completion of this well.

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ours very truly,

d. A. Schaffer Assistant District Superintendent

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Attachment