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ARTESIA, OFFICE

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Attn: Mr. Gressett

Dear Mr. Gressett:

Subject: MESA PETROLEUM CO
NASH UNIT #7
SEC 18, T23S, R30E
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

It is requested that an exception be granted to Rule 401 that a back pressure test be run on the Nash Unit #7 well.

This well is producing 1300 MCF/D with 120 BWPD and a trace of condensate. It is believed that this well would load up with water and lose the ability to produce if it were required to be shut-in for test purposes.

If an exception cannot be granted, it is requested that a one year waiver of this test requirement be granted which would allow recovery of at least some of the drilling expenses of this directionally drilled well. It is hoped that water production will have diminished by that time so that a test could be run.

Sincerely,

C.C. Wheeler

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Exception *Approved 9-16-80*
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