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State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Attention: Mr. Joe Ramey

> Re: Application to Drill Unorthodox Location David Fasken Maralo State No. 1-Y 2030' FNL & 1085' FWL, Section 18, T-24-S, R-25-E Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On behalf of our client, David Fasken, enclosed is application to drill the subject well with a request for administrative approval of an unorthodox location based upon terrain.

The twin to this well, the Maralo State No. 1, was lost at 3000' due to collapsed 8-5/8" casing.

The proposed location is a suitable drill site barely large enough to accomodate the drilling operation. Please refer to a part of U.S.G.S. quadrangle map - Carlsbad Caverns East.

We are notifying the offset operators - Amoco Production Co., El Paso Natural Gas Co., Texas Oil and Gas Corp and W. A. Moncrief, Jr. - by CERTIFIED MAIL of our client's intention to drill the subject well, and requesting that they forward to you a waiver of any objection to the proposed location.

Yours very truly,

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Robert H. Angevine

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