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Devon Energy Corporation Attention: Charles W. Horsman 1500 Mid-America Tower 20 North Broadway Oklahoma City, OK 73102-8250

RE: Todd "26" Federal Well No. 10 NM-0405444-A 1980' FSL & 2310' FWL, Sec. 26, T23S, R31E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Horsman:

I am happy to approve your Application for Permit to Drill (APD) at the present location. Your copy of the APD, with attached stipulations, is enclosed.

As you may be aware, there has been a significant increase in APD's in the Secretary's Potash Area. Unfortunately, this has resulted in time delays, which I sincerely hope have not unduly burdened your company.

If you need any additional information please contact Tony Herrell at the Carlsbad Resource Area (505) 887-6544.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Woodard

Larry L. Woodard State Director

1 Enclosure: 1 - Application for Permit to Drill (APD)

bcc: NM (910, L. Woodard) NM (920, R. Smith) NM (060, A. Lopez) NM (060, L. Cone) NM (067, T. Herrell)

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