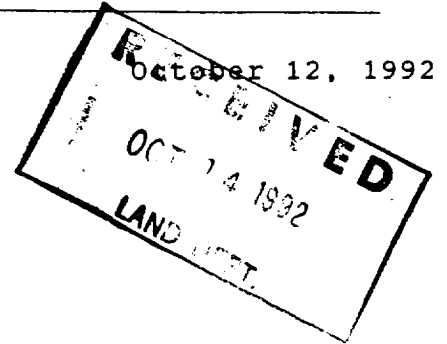




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Mr. Patrick Tower
Project Landman
Enron Oil and Gas Company
P.O. Box 2267
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Re: Enron's James Ranch Unit #18
1980 FNL & 1980 FEL Section 36, T22S R30E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Tower:

As per our discussion the location of James Ranch Unit # 18 is within the half mile buffer of our LMR. Hence our protest of the location. We discussed an alternate location which would move the well 880 feet to the east, 1980 FNL and 1100 FEL Section 36, T22S R30E. Because the well would be out side the LMR buffer we would not protest your drilling at this alternate location.

Your understanding of our concerns and your cooperation in working with us on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ben F. Zimmerly
Mining Engineer

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cc: R. H. Heinen
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