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McKay Oil Corporation P.O. Box 2014 Roswell, NM 88202

Attention: Terry W. Franklin

RE: West Fork Unit Well No. 4; 2480' FSL - 360' FEL, I-31-T4S-R22E, Abo Gas Test, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Upon further review of the subject application received on March 10, 1989 and your supplemental information of March 21, 1989 and April 20, 1989, it appears that the requested location is primarily based on geology and not topography. Both letters from the BLM, which were included with this supplemental information, indicate that the alternate location chosen is satisfactory and that a standard location is unacceptable; however, at no time do they suggest that a location, which is only slightly unorthodox, is unacceptable.

Therefore, this filing cannot be approved administratively, and a hearing before a Division Examiner will be required before this application can be considered.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely, William J. LeMay, Director WJL/MES/ag

cc: Michael E. Stogner Vic Lyon POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800