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Gentlemen:

The allotted time to commence drilling operations on our Empire Abo Unit "L" #112, "#" #101 and "N" #91 wells as approved on Form 9-331C will expire on May 23, 1977. A rotary rig will not be available by the expiration date of the Application for Permit to Drill as intended.

Please extend the commencement date of drilling α perations for another three months. This should give us sufficient time to spud the above mentioned wells. Thank you.

Yours truly,

J. D. Jones

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