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Roswell Field Office
2909 West Second Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88202

IN REPLY REFER TO
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NM-031963

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Merit Energy Company
Attn: Arlene Valliquette
12222 Merit Drive
Dallas, TX 75251

Dear Ms. Valliquette:

Your Application for Permit to Drill (APD), approved May 30, 1995, along with the extension approved June 11, 1996, for the Sundance Federal #17, located 660' FSL & 660' FEL, Section 5, T24S-R31E, Eddy County, New Mexico, Lease No. NM-031963 has expired because drilling has not commenced within one year of the approval date as stated in the General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases.

If drilling operations have commenced on the referenced well, please contact this office at (505) 627-0272 and send all necessary reports (spud, casing/cementing, etc., 1 original and 5 copies) so we may correct our records.

If the well has not been spudded, but site construction activities have occurred, please contact this office at the above telephone number for surface reclamation instructions.

If you wish to drill this well at a later date, please submit a complete application (1 original and 5 copies). Since the original APD has expired, the resubmitted APD will be subject to all the processing requirements including the 30-day posting requirement. Please note on the resubmitted APD that it was previously approved and we will review the expired file for information which will help expedite the processing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Earle Smith

Armando A. Lopez
Acting Assistant Field Office Manager,
Lands and Minerals

cc: BLM-I&E (CFO)
NMOCD (Artesia)
CFO (L. Denniston)

