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Mr. Stephen Mason
United States Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Farmington District Office
1235 La Plaza Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401



Dear Mr. Mason:

TA approved until 7/1/06
[Signature]

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated May 5, 2005, regarding justification of the sundry notices dated April 4, 2005 for temporary abandonment of the following wells:

- 30-039-23342 ✓*
- 1) No. 1 Jicarilla 451 located 1650' FSL & 1750' FWL Section 4, T29N, R3W, Rio Arriba, New Mexico)

Black Hills Gas Resources (BHGR) is in the development phase of a geologic model of the various intervals within the Mesaverde/Gallup formations. Since this well is one of few wells in the area that has penetrated these deeper horizons, BHGR has decided to temporarily abandon this well.

- 30-039-26728*
- 2) No. 1 Jicarilla 29-03-14 (located 820' FNL & 2005' FEL Section 14, T29N, R3W, Rio Arriba, New Mexico).

BHEP is currently evaluating the potential and economics of deepening this well to test the Pictured Cliffs formation.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 210-1325.

Sincerely,

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