



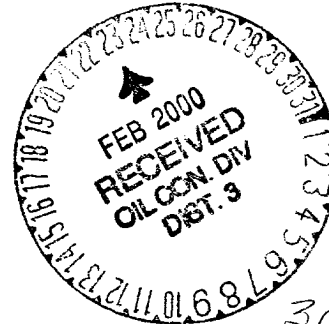
**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
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February 22, 2000

**Cross Timbers Oil Company
810 Houston Street - Suite 2000
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6298**

Attention: George A. Cox



30-645-30148

Re: Administrative application for the proposed R. P. Hargrave "M" Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 405' FNL & 1705' FWL (Unit C) of Section 9, Township 27 North, Range 10 West, NMPM, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Cox:

The well site for the proposed R. P. Hargrave "M" Well No. 1 and surrounding area have been inspected by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Aztec district office. Mr. Frank Chaves, supervisor of the Division's Aztec office, reports that there is no topographic necessity for this well to be drilled as proposed. Therefore, Cross Timbers Operating Company's application to drill the proposed R. P. Hargrave "M" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location to the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool within the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 9 is hereby denied.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
Mr. Steve Salzman - U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe
Mr. Neel McBride - U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Farmington
Ms. Kathy Valdes, NMOCD - Santa Fe
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director - NMOCD, Santa Fe