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Mr. Emery Arnold Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico

> Re: Request for Unorthodox

Oil Well Location

Dear Emery:

Forwarded herewith is a copy of Humble's request for an unorthodox oil well location at a point 1230 feet from the North line and 998 feet from the East line of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The above-referenced well is apparently projected as an oil well in the Dakota formation. No mention is made of any authorization by you to drill the well as a wildcat oil well under the provisions of Rule 104 (b) (2) of the Rules and Regulations. Please advise whether any such authorization was granted.

I am also concerned about granting administrative approval for a well location only 90 feet from the boundary of the 40-acre unit. As you will note, the application states that the unorthodox location is occasioned by topographical conditions. I would appreciate it if you would have someone inspect the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 19 to determine whether it is practical to drill an orthodox location anywhere in the quarter-quarter section. Please send me a



written report of your investigation. I will hold up any action on the application until I receive your reply.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. COOLEY, Commission Attorney

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Enclosure