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August 20, 1997

Conoco Inc. 10 Desta Drive Suite 100W Midland, Texas 79705-4500

Attn: Mr. Jerry W. Hoover

Re: Application for Downhole Commingling

Hardy 36 State Well No. 21

Unit Letter L, Section 36-20S-37E

South Cass Strawn and Hardy Simpson-Ellenberger Pools

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your application to downhole commingle the production from within the wellbore of the above-captioned well was received on August 13, 1997. Your application requests our approval to downhole commingle the South Cass Strawn and Hardy Simpson-Ellenberger production within the well bore of the Hardy 36 State Well No. 21 located in Unit Letter L, Section 36-20S-37E.

Since it appears that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Your \$30.00 dollar filing fee has been received.

Please submit a copy of the Oil Conservation Division's Order approving this application.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

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