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May 29, 2014

Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

BTA Oil Producers, LLC ATTN: Brian Wood, Agent 37 Verano Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re:

Brian 8036 JV-P #1 Well

Conversion from Gas Producer to Salt Water Disposal

In the 70360 ANTELOPE RIDGE; ATOKA (GAS) Pool,

Unit letter L, Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 34 East,

Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

In response to your request for the New Mexico State Land Office to approve the conversion of the Brian 8036 JV-P #1 Well, which is currently producing gas from the ANTELOPE RIDGE; ATOKA (GAS) Pool. Our records, obtained through the Oil Conservation Division, indicate that the well located on the subject lease is producing in large enough amounts to hold the lease. We are concerned that the State Land Office Oil & Gas Lease LG-1025-0005 will lose Atoka gas royalties due to our beneficiary, the NM Military Institute (MI), if this well were converted to the salt water disposal (SWD) as proposed.

This Office has reviewed the item which BTA Oil Producers has submitted to us: the Letter of Transmittal regarding your upcoming submittal of the full application. Our review demonstrates that the well is capable of producing gas in paying quantities for at least 5 more years at an estimated gas price of \$4.50 per MCF. No change in the liquids free gas production and its gas market is apparent. Since the Atoka Gas Pool is still capable of gas production and plugging the well back to conversion to salt water disposal into the shallower Brushy Canyon and Cherry Canyon zones will cause waste to occur and loss of royalty revenues to the State Land Office Beneficiary. The loss of royalty revenue is calculated to be \$9.753.75 based on the past 12 months of production history and a gas price of \$4.50/MCF including BTU adjustment.

As operator of the well, you are requested to remit to this office \$9,753.75 advance royalty payment within 30 days from the date of this letter. Upon receipt of payment, this office will approve your conversion of this State well to salt water disposal service as proposed if approved by the NM Oil Conservation Division. Failure to remit the requested advanced royalty payment will result in disapproval of your request to convert this well to salt water disposal service on this State Trust Land. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anchor Holm at (505) 827-5759:

Sincerely,

Terry G. Warnell, Director Oil, Gas & Minerals Division (505) 827-5745

TGW/ah
Attachment (SLO Reserve Calculation Sheet)

Cc: Phillip Goetz, NM OCD; Hugh Dangler, NM SLO

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NM State Land Office - Remaining Gas Reserve Calculation

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TMD:	13,440'				
Well No.	<u>Mo/Yr</u>	Days on	<u>MCF</u>	<u>BO</u>	BW
BTA Oil	Apr-13	30	451	· 0	0
Producers	s May	31	578	0	0
Brian 8036	6 June	30	172	0	0
JV-P	July	31	139	0	0
#1	Aug	31	135	0	0
Antelope	Sep	30	292	0	0
Ridge;	Oct	31	277	0	0
Atoka (Gas	s) Nov	30	382	, O	0
	Dec	31	221	0	0
12094'-1212	28' Jan-14	31	327	0	0
	Feb	28	267	0	0
	Mar	31	227	0	0
Totals:		365	3468	0	0
Total/DO	MCFD	9.50			
Total/12	MCFM	289			
Max/Mo	MCFD	19.27	57.8		
Total/360	BOPD	0.00			
Total/360	BWPD	0.00			

Remaining Reserves:

3468 MCFY 5 Yr.

SLO Lease #LG1025-0005

17340 MCF Gross Remaining Reserves

2167.5 Lost MCF royalty

\$4.50 Gas Value/MCF (est.)

\$9,753.75 Lost SLO Royalty Value.

AEH 5/29/2014