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Ms. Lori Wrotenberg, Director  
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Re: Amended Application of El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. for Approvals of Non-Standard/Irregular Spacing Units and Certain Non-Standard Setbacks for Unorthodox Well Locations for Coalbed Methane Gas Wells and Any Other Approvals Required for Such Units, Setbacks and Wells in Colfax County, New Mexico - NMOCD Case No. 13097.

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

Please find enclosed the original and two copies of El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C.'s Withdrawal of Amended Application and Case No. 10397, along with the Certificate of Service.

As disclosed by the Certificate of Service, we are sending by facsimile a copy of this withdrawal to each person copied below and on the Certificate of Service.

We also enclose an extra copy of each of the above, which we ask be conformed with

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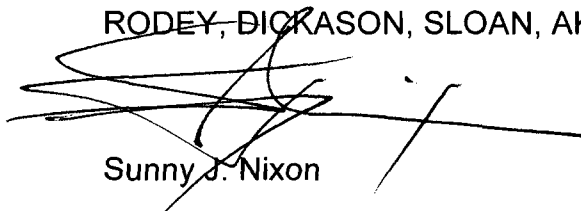
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the NMOCD date and time stamp and returned to our courier. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

~~RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.~~

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sunny J. Nixon", written over the firm name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "S" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sunny J. Nixon

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Enclosures

CC: Carsten F. Goff, BLM (by facsimile and hand-delivery)  
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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
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CONSIDERING:**

**AMENDED APPLICATION OF EL PASO ENERGY RATON, L.L.C.  
FOR APPROVALS OF NON-STANDARD/IRREGULAR  
SPACING UNITS AND CERTAIN NON-STANDARD  
SETBACKS FOR UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS  
FOR COALBED METHANE GAS WELLS AND ANY  
OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR SUCH UNITS,  
SETBACKS AND WELLS IN COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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**WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDED APPLICATION  
AND CASE NO. 13097**

Applicant El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. ("El Paso") hereby withdraws its Amended Application and requests for relief in Case No. 13097 without prejudice to re-file at a later date.

El Paso's withdrawal should not be construed as an admission of concurrence with the Department of Interior—Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) positions on file in this case or a waiver of El Paso's position, as filed in this case, although El Paso will consider the BLM's position set forth in its September 15, 2003 letter to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Withdrawal of Amended Application and Case No. 13097 by El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. to be sent by facsimile and hand-delivered to the following this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003:

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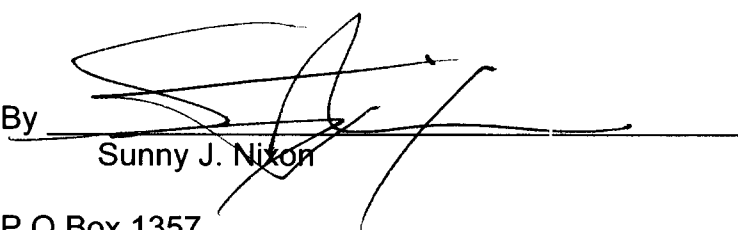
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