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October 24, 2003

Shell Offshore Ventures, Inc
P.O. Box 2463
Houston, Texas 77001
Attn: Land Department

Re: Joell #2
E/2 Section 6-T23S-R27E
Eddy County, New Mexico

BEFORE EXAMINER CATANACH
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXHIBIT NO. <u>6</u>
CASE NO. _____

Gentlemen:

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. has previously proposed to the record leasehold owners, the drilling of a 12,000' Morrow test well to be located 1320' FNL & 1320' FEL and dedicating the E/2 of said Section 6 as the drilling and spacing unit. Our most recent Drilling Title Opinion reflects that Mabee Petroleum Corporation is the current record owner of certain leasehold interests under the NE/4 of Section 6 from the surface to a depth of 11,766'. A review of the Texas Secretary of State records indicates that Shell Offshore Ventures, Inc. may be the successor in interest, either by merger or acquisition, to the aforementioned interest of Mabee Petroleum Corporation, although Citation 1987 II Limited Partnership could be claiming the Mabee interest by virtue of their acquisition of certain Mabee interests in the area.

In that regard, Devon feels compelled to give notice to all potential working interest owners and hereby proposes to Shell Offshore Ventures, Inc. the drilling of the referenced well. Enclosed you will find of our Authority for Expenditure estimating the dryhole and completed well costs. In the event you determine that the interest in question is owned by your company, please make an election to either participate in the drilling of the proposed well or be a non-consenting party under the governing Joint Operating Agreement. A copy of our Drilling Title Opinion and the governing Joint Operating Agreement is enclosed for your review.

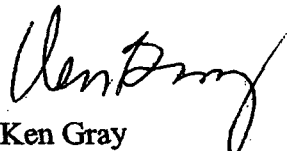
Additionally, as reflected in the title opinion, the leasehold and overriding royalty ownership within the Morrow formation is not uniform. Given the fact that a Morrow completion may produce from zones of different ownership within the Morrow formation, Devon is requesting that all interest owners agree to share production from any zone in the Morrow formation on an equitable basis. The enclosed Agreement will accomplish such sharing of production and Devon respectfully requests your execution of same in order that the well can be drilled. Upon review and execution, please return one (1) executed original to the undersigned.

In the event that Devon is unsuccessful in obtaining a voluntary agreement with regard to participation in the proposed well or the sharing of production as contemplated by the enclosed agreement, Devon will, after notice and hearing, seek an order from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division which will effectively pool the working interests and establish the necessary production sharing. You should receive a notice of such hearing in the near future.

If there are any questions or if additional information is required, feel to call me at (405) 552-4633.

Yours very truly,

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Gray", written over the printed name.

Ken Gray
Senior Land Advisor

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Enclosures