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Case 11273

Mr. Bill LeMay  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Proposed Rules & Procedures Implementing the  
Natural Gas & Crude Oil Production Incentive Act**

Dear Mr. LeMay:

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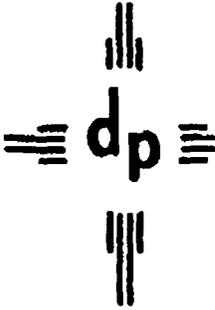
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Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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You should receive 4 pages including this cover sheet. If you did not receive all pages or are unable to read any pages, please contact:

FROM: John Roe TELEPHONE NO. (505) 325 - 1821

Dear Mr Lemay,

Attached is our comments regarding the proposed rules & procedures implementing the Gas & oil production Incentive Act.

I'm fixing to meet your 9-15-95 due date. I will mail original so you will have a good copy.

Give me a call if you've got questions.

John Roe



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April 26, 1995

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
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Dear Mr. LeMay:

I am interested in serving on the severance tax exemption working committee that is being established. I believe my experience will make a positive contribution to the process of proposing rules and procedures for the Division to use in certifying wells that qualify for the tax exemption based on workovers and production restoration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Exploration & Production

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