SAN JUAN DIVISION

November 20, 1996

Henry P. Isham, Jr. Deceased First National Bank of Chicago Agent for V.M. Isham & R.T. Isham Trustee of Henry P. Isham Estate ATTN: MS. GAYLE COTTON 1400 One Dallas Center Dallas, TX 75201

RE: BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY OFFER TO PURCHASE NON-PRODUCING INTEREST AND/OR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN DEEP TEST WELL

State and Fee Leases <u>T31N-R10W, NMPM</u> Section 3: Lots 10 thru 13, SW¼ Section 4: SE¼ Section 9: Lots 3 thru 12, N½NE¼ Section 10: Lots 1 thru 7, NW¼NW¼ Containing 1255.18 acres

FEDERAL LEASE SF 078389-A <u>T31N-R10W, NMPM</u> Section 11: Lots 1 thru 16 Section 12: Lots 1 thru 8 and 10 thru 15 Containing 1116.96 acres

San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear V.M. and R.T. Isham:

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Sometime in the first quarter of 1997 Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company is planning to drill a deep test well (below the currently deepest producing horizon) to evaluate the Pennsylvanian formation (approximately 14,000 feet) in a prospect that includes the referenced lands and leases that you own a working interest in. This well is very high risk (10% success probability) and very expensive (Estimated 1.2 Million dry hole cost; \$1.7 Million through completion).

This well will have a proposed 640 acre spacing unit and as a working interest owner you will have the right to participate in the well for your proportionate share of your acreage within the spacing unit. The parties will enter into a mutually acceptable AAPL Form 610-1982 Operating

BEFORE EXAMINER CATANAGH
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXHIBIT NO:
CASE NO. 11808 + 11809

DEC 9 - REC'D
