

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

October 14, 1997

Ms. Anna M. Griego Exploration & Production Administrator McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. P. O. Box 2148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2148

Dear Ms. Griego:

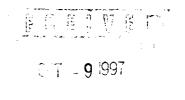
Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of October 8, 1997, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-10858, McElvain Oil and Gas Properties, Inc. is hereby granted an extension of time until March 1, 1998, in which to begin the well pooled by said order.

Sincerely, WILLIAM J LEMAY Division/Director fd/ cc: <sup>C</sup>Case No. 11822 OCD - Aztec

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Attention: William J. LeMay 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, NM 87505

## RE: Order No. R-10858

Dear Mr. LeMay:

October 8, 1997

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. was granted authority for compulsory pooling by Order No. R-10858, dated August 11, 1997. Said order carried a stipulation that drilling of our Elk Com Well No. 1 shall commence on or before November 15, 1997. Due to the unavailability of drilling rigs in this area, we do not anticipate that we will be able to commence drilling by that date. Our best estimate for having a rig available is the first quarter of 1998. Therefore, we hereby request an extension of the date to March 1, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna M. Griego Exploration & Production Administrator

xc: Land Department

