

March __, 1998

W. Thomas Kellahin
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Re: Approval of Request for Extension of Date to Commence
Operations on the Courtman "4" State Well No.1
Order R-10930 Case 11883

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Based upon good cause shown in your written request dated March 10, 1998, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order R-10930 and the authority retained by the Division therein, Marathon Oil Company is hereby granted an extension of time until April 15, 1998 in which to commence the drilling of the Courtman "4" State Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 4, T19S, R28E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lori Wortenberg
Director