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Kathleen A. Garland Acting Director Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Com/1929

Re:

Application of Mobil Exploration & Producing TX & NM Inc. for Three Horizontal Injection Wells, an Administrative Procedure for Approval of Future Horizontal Injection Wells, and Qualification of these Wells for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Garland:

On behalf of Mobil Exploration & Producing TX & NM Inc., I am enclosing an original and two copies of the referenced Application as well as a proposed Docket Notice. We request that this Application be set for hearing on the earliest available Examiner's docket, now scheduled for February 19, 1998. Your attention in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Edmund H. Kendrick

EHK:dlo Enclosures 9781-97-01

cc: (w/encl.)

Mobil Exploration & Producing TX & NM Inc.

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