



March 24, 1997

Mr. Robert E. Landreth 505 N. Big Spring Suite 507 Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Gaucho Unit #2 Well

Compulsory Pooling Order No. R-10764

S/2 Sec. 29, T-22-S, R-34-E Lea County, New Mexico SFERI Cont. #NM-30,107-002

Dear Mr. Landreth:

Reference is made to the above captioned Compulsory Pooling Order and your request for an extension of time in which to elect to participate and pay your pro rata share of costs or non-consent the Gaucho Unit #2 Well proposal.

Please be advised that Santa Fe hereby grants to Robert E. Landreth, and/or to your successor or assigns, an extension until Friday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m. CST in which to elect under the above captioned order. As you are aware, should you sell/assign your interest in the Gaucho Unit #2 Well to a third party, such third party must pay its proportionate share of well costs to Santa Fe by Friday, March 28, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. CST or you (or such party) will automatically be in a non-consent status.

Please indicate your receipt hereof by signing and returning to the undersigned one copy of this letter by Fax at 686-6714.

Yours very truly

R. I. Amold

Division Exploration Manager

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RECEIVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1997.

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Robert E. Landreth

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