November 2, 1999

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pachecho Street Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: <u>Case No. 12278</u> ARCO State #1 Well (1339) Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The Grayrock Corporation is a working interest owner in the captioned well and strongly supports the removal of Pride Energy Company as operator. Our vote for removal is based on Pride Energy's failure or refusal to operate the well in a prudent manner under the terms of that certain joint operating agreement dated December 8, 1980 that covers the subject property.

Pride acquired the interests of the previous operator and assumed operations of the ARCO State #1 well on June 1, 1998. Since that time, Pride has failed to timely (a) remit revenue payments to the working interest owners entitled to receive same and (b) bill the working interest owners in compliance with the terms of the operating agreement.

In August 1999, Pride began distributing oil revenues for the period of January 1999 through August 1999 and gas revenues for the period of December 1998 through July 1999, along with saltwater disposal credits for the period of June 1998 through July 1999. Billings have now been received through August 1999. Please note that these actions were initiated about the same time that the working interest owners unanimously voted to remove Pride as operator.

In light of the foregoing, The Grayrock Corporation respectfully requests that you uphold the removal of Pride Energy Company as operator and the approval of E.G.L. Resources, Inc. as successor operator as reflected on Form C-1 approved by the Oil Conservation Division on October 5, 1999 (copy attached).

Should you have questions, feel free to contact me at 972-664-0664, ext. 236.

Very truly yours,

THE GRAYROCK CORPORATION

John S. Nichols President

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