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HAND DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Administrative Order NSL-4498
NMOCD Case No. 12462
Outland State Well No. 1
W/2 of Section 12, T-21-S, R-34-E
Application and Administrative Application of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation
for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Our firm has recently been retained by Maynard Oil Company to oppose Santa Fe Snyder's Application which is the subject of Case No. 12462. Maynard Oil Company is the operator of the Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 1 (a Morrow gas well in the W/2 of Section 13, T-21-S, R-34-E) and an offsetting operator towards whom Santa Fe Snyder's proposed unorthodox gas well encroaches. Maynard Oil Company only recently received notice of Santa Fe Snyder's application, which is set for hearing on September 7, 2000 as Case No. 12462. *See Attachment A.*

It has come to our attention that Santa Fe Snyder also filed a parallel administrative application for the proposed unorthodox well location. On July 31, 2000, the Division - without knowledge of the lack of notice to Maynard Oil - issued Administrative Order NSL-4498 approving Santa Fe Snyder's administrative application. *See Attachment B.* By this letter, Maynard Oil asks that the Division rescind Administrative Order NSL-4498 so that Maynard Oil can be heard on the matter at the scheduled hearing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Feldewert", written in a cursive style.

Michael H. Feldewert

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Enclosures

cc. David Catanach, Hearing Examiner
Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Officer
W. Thomas Kellahin, attorney for Santa Fe Snyder
Maynard Oil Company

(with enclosures)