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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Request of Matador Petroleum Corporation for Extension of Date for Commencement of Well Pursuant to Compulsory Pooling Order R-11524 Case 12572 (New Mexico "H" NCT-4 Well No. 36) S/2 of Section 19, T20S, R37E, NMPM. Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Matador Petroleum Corporation ("Matador") and in accordance with the provisions of the referenced order (copy enclosed), I am requesting a 90-day extension to the commencement date for subject well and in support state:

- (1) the order was entered effective January 31, 2001 and provides that this well shall be commenced on or before May 1, 2001;
- (2) the rig Matador proposes to use for this well has been delayed because of difficulties encountered on another well.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Matador Petroleum Corporation
Attn: Mark Virant