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**HAND DELIVERED**

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-11525  
Case 12573 (Laura State "13" Com Well No. 1)  
E/2 of Section 13, T21S, R34E, NMPM.  
Lea County, New Mexico

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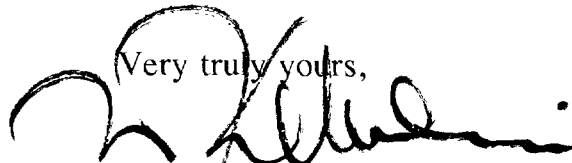
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

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 30, 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.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Matador Petroleum Corporation  
Attn: Mark Virant