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January 23, 2001

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Re:

Non-Standard Proration Unit Proposal

NE4 & SE4 (Respectively)

Section 34-21S-34E

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Feldewert:

The New Mexico State Land Office hereby withdraws its objection to the creation of two non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units in the Grama Ridge Morrow, East Gas pool. The creation of this non-standard unit is in the best interest of the state's trust beneficiaries, but only because of the unique geology and other special circumstances. However, the other administrative issues raised in Mr. Jeff Albers' letter, dated January 10, 2001, still need to be addressed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Bruce Frederick

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