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HAND DELIVERED

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

Re: **Request for extension of completion or abandoned date**
Marbob Energy Corporation for Extension of Date for
Completion or abandoned of date Pursuant to Compulsory
Pooling Order R-11585
Case 12629 (Trombone Federal Com Well No.1)
S/2 Section 2, T18S, R25E, NMPM
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Marbob Energy Corporation and in accordance with the provisions of the ordering paragraph (4) of the referenced order (copy enclosed), I am requesting an extension of the complete or abandoned date for this well to June 1, 2002 and in support state:

BACKGROUND

(1) On April 5, 2001, the Division heard Case 12629 which is the application of OXY USA WTO Limited Partnership ("OXY") for compulsory pooling of two parties whom OXY was unable to locate holding 12.5685% of the working interest in the S/2 of Section 2, T18S, R25E

(2) Division Order R-11585, was entered effective May 21, 2001 and provides that this well shall be commenced on or before September 1, 2001; Enclosure (1)

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(3) That commenced date was extend to December 1, 2001 by the Division by lettered dated August 16, 2001; **Enclosure (2)**

(4) The Trombone Federal Com Well No. 1 was spudded on October 23, 2001 and by November 15, 2002 had be drilled to a total depth of 8,650 feet to the Chester formation.

(5) Order R-11585 provided that the operator shall complete or abandoned the well by February 19, 2001 (within 120 days of commencement).

(6) Order R-11585 further provides that the completion or abandoned date my be extended by the Division Director.

SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION

(6) In support of an extension Marbob states:

(1) Marbob is a working interest owner in this well and proposed to assume operators from OXY USA WTP Limited Partners ("OXY")

(2) On December 11, 2001, OXY installed casing and tubing in the well and perforation and tested the Strawn formation without success;

(3) On December 19, 2001, OXY perforated and tested the Canyon formation without success.

(4) On January 18, 2002, OXY rig down.

(5) In accordance with the Joint Operating Agreement, Marbob proposed to assume operators for the well and exercise its right to conduct further tests of the well before it is plugged and abandoned.

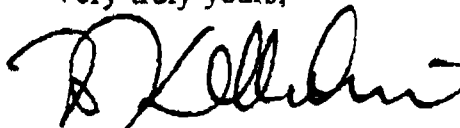
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(6) Marbob anticipates that it can complete further tests of the well on or before June 1, 2002.

Very truly yours,



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cc: David R. Catanach (NMOCD Hearing Examiner)
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Attn: Richard Foppiano
Marbob Energy Corporation
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