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

Re: Case No. 12698 *de novo*; application of Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

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Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Division Order No. R-11636, entered on August 13, 2001, provided for Mewbourne to commence a well by November 1, 2001. That date will obviously pass before the Commission enters an order. Mewbourne requests that the time to commence a well be extended in any order entered by the Commission, which I believe is Commission practice. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

cc: Michael H. Feldewert