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Occidental Permian Ltd. 580 Westlake Park Blvd. P.O. Box 4294 Houston, Texas 77210-4294

Attention: Mr. Richard E. Foppiano

Senior Advisor/Regulatory Affairs

Re:

Authorization to Use Treated Effluent

North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Unit PM Project

Dear Mr. Foppiano:

I have been appraised by Mr. Richard Ezeanyim of your recent inquiry into the status of Occidental Permian Ltd.'s request dated March 5, 2002, to utilize treated effluent water from the Hobbs Municipal Waste Treatment Plant for injection into the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Unit Pressure Maintenance Project. Please be advised that within the next two weeks, I will attempt to initiate a meeting with Mr. Roger Anderson and Mr. Chris Williams regarding your request, and that I hope to have a response to your request shortly thereafter.

I have been further advised that you have been unable to determine the status of NMOCD's review of this request. I do not recall having received a phone call or E-mail from you regarding this request, however, if I somehow missed this contact, please accept my sincerest apology. Please feel free to contact me with any problem or concern you may have. I can be reached at:

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Sincerely,

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